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JAPANESE MEDIATION IN THAILAND DISPUTE TO SATISFY AXIS DEMANDS: AUSTRALIANS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED

Signature Of The Armistice Agreement Delayed

AUSTRALIANS ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN JAPAN'S MEDIATION IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA, STATED A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY YESTERDAY.

ONE INTERPRETATION IS THAT JAPAN IS HOPING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MIDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO PLACE HERSELF IN A FAVOURABLE POSITION FOR HER ADVANCE SOUTH AND ALSO TO SATISFY THE AXIS DEMANDS.

All this, continues the message, is tremendously important to Britain, as if Japan is able to succeed in her designs, she will be in a good position for a campaign against Malaya and the Dutch East Indies or both.

There is, however, a growing opinion in Australia that wiser counsels might prevail in Japan, but it is also felt that hysterical desperation under German pressure might drive Japan into a colossal gamble.

HITLER GETS A QUICK ANSWER TO HIS THREATS AND BOASTS

"Herr Hitler is inextricably involved in Signor Mussolini's disasters. If Signor Mussolini eats green apples, Herr Hitler gets the stomach-ache!"

These words, which were recently used by Mr. Hearst, the well-known American newspaper magnate, were quoted by MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest developments in the international situation.

MR. WILLKIE SEES DOVER DEFENCES

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE was inspecting defences in Dover yesterday morning when enemy raiders came over, states a London message.

The first time, Mr. Willkie was standing at the eastern end of the harbour and the second was when he was having lunch at Dover Castle with Vice-Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, Flag Officer Commanding at Dover.

Mr. Willkie also had a long range view of the guns on the French coast.

THREE ALERTS

There were three alerts in London yesterday.

Incendiary bombs were dropped by the raiders which came over in ones and twos, in one town where two hospitals were hit and some buildings damaged. There was heavy A.A. fire and in one district machine-gun fire was heard.

One German raider was shot down into the sea off the coast of Cornwall.

Today's News Summary

THERE HAS BEEN A DELAY IN THE SIGNING of the armistice agreement between Thailand and French Indo-China. Meanwhile, it is reported that Australia is deeply interested in the Japanese mediation which, it believes, will give Japan an opportunity to meddle in the affairs of the two countries concerned.

FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE OF DERNA the Army of the Nile is continuing its advance towards Benghazi and is now along the road to Apollonia, 40 miles from Derna. Stronger Italian resistance at Derna is believed to have been due to the freshness of the troops who hitherto had not been fighting.

THE FUNERAL OF GENERAL METAXAS, late Prime Minister of Greece, took place in Athens yesterday and flags in London were flown at half-mast. Regarding the war in Albania, the Greeks have made further advances and local operations have been crowned with success. It is reported that two more Italian Cabinet Ministers have applied for commands at the front.

DURING AIR RAIDS OVER ENGLAND yesterday Mr. Wendell Willkie visited Dover where he inspected the defences and had lunch at Dover Castle.

PREMIER VISITS SOUTHAMPTON

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative in London, accompanied the Premier and Mrs. Churchill on an unexpected visit to Southampton yesterday, states a London message. They were received by the Mayor and inspected civilian defence detachments.

The message adds that during his stay in the Home country, Mr. Hopkins has been received by King Haakon of Norway.



SIR CYRIL NEWALL

Newall Pays Tribute To R.A.F., Dominion Fliers

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR CYRIL NEWALL, former Chief of Air Staff, who is crossing Canada on his way to take up the Governor-Generalship of New Zealand, in succession to Viscount Galway, told the Canadian Press in OTTAWA that the British spirit was unbreakable and Britain could not be defeated, says a London message.

Sir Cyril paid tribute to the R.A.F. and its DOMINION FLYERS. He remarked that the KING and QUEEN were showing a splendid example and were living exactly as their subjects.

MR. CHURCHILL he described as one of the greatest figures in history.

Sir Cyril also told the Canadian Press, "Britain needs quickly every ounce of assistance that NORTH AMERICA can spare to ensure final victory."

At a Press conference, Sir Cyril said: "I am not sure whether Hitler will try an invasion but he will probably try again. To do that he must control the air first. We have him a good hiding last autumn and we will give him a better one this time."

The Air Chief Marshal added that night bombing was on the verge of being beaten and felt sure that the British night bombing of Germany had hurt Hitler's industrial machine.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA

Australians are expecting a great deal from a conference which is to take place in CANBERRA between the Commonwealth and State Ministers, states a message from Sydney.

The object of the conference is to bring about a co-ordination in the country's economic structure and such questions as the storage of war materials, etc., are expected to be discussed.

The conference is to discuss all problems with the knowledge that Herr Hitler has a world plan in which he wants to put the British Empire to the greatest test in history and in view of this Australia must take steps to be prepared for every emergency that might be produced by a new turn in the war.

In spite of Axis protests the Costa Rican authorities have decided to show Charlie Chaplin's film "The Great Dictator," states a London message.

GRAND JURY CHARGE AGAINST U.S. FIRM

EVIDENCE OF NAZI INFLUENCE

Considerable interest has been aroused in America by a charge brought by the Federal Grand Jury against the Aluminium Co., for allegedly combining with the German Dye Trust and other companies to produce a situation where Germany will be able to produce four times as much aluminium as the United States, states a message from Sydney.

The Department of Justice in Washington stated that there was evidence of German influence in an industry which was essential to the defence of the United States.

WOOLTON TOURS N. ENGLAND

Touring the North of England yesterday, Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, found that there was no shortage or essential foods, states a London message.

It was added that a new Commercial Secretary had been appointed to the Ministry of Food and his duty would be to tell the Minister where the food was and how it should be distributed.

WAR IS NOW MOVING TOWARDS A CLIMAX -MR. WICKHAM STEED

Latest British Successes In North Africa

"The war is now moving towards a climax—a climax far wider in significance than that which was imagined by those who have looked upon the Battle of Britain as a main British and European concern."

The above is a passage from a talk given by MR. WICKHAM STEED, the well-known journalist, in his weekly series on "World Affairs" in London yesterday.

Mr. Steed is still indisposed and for the second week in succession the talk was read by the announcer.

Mr. Steed said that the outlook this week had been overshadowed by the death of General Metaxas, the Greek Prime Minister. Mr. Steed proceeded to pay high tribute to the leadership and inspiring courage of the late Greek Premier. "What General Metaxas has already achieved," he said, "can never be undone."

Turning to events in North Africa, Mr. Steed commented on the latest British successes. Gen. Wavell and his Army of the Nile could not have been expected to know how much resistance they would have had to face if they had not been so successful in the tables on the enemy, said Mr. Steed.

TOOK THE RISK

"Like General Metaxas and his colleague, General Papagos, however, General Wavell took the risk," went on the speaker, "how serious the risk might have been is now proved by a military statement in London that had the Italians held out at Sidi Barrani a few days longer, Gen. Wavell would have faced great difficulties on the question of water supply."

"Superficial critics have been thinking that the victories since gained by the British have been due solely to a lucky chance."

"Many of the greatest military exploits have been carried out in circumstances which have presented a lucky chance, but in this case there is marked difference between inspired and uninspired leadership. Judged by this standard General Wavell has won praise for psychological insight and deserves the highest credit."

QUICK RESULTS

"Now that he has swept on from Tobruk and captured Derna and is pushing on to Benghazi results are following each other quickly. If the Italians are capable, or at least try to make a stand, they must make it in Eritrea where they can rely to some extent on native troops."

"The predicament of the Italians, however, may become unenviable and if they make a stand anywhere it should be in the region near Agordat."

"While the war in Africa has become one of rapid movement."

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Roosevelt's Terms Of Assurances To Halifax

LONDON, Jan. 31 (British Wireless).—The terms of assurances, which were given by PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT to LORD HALIFAX when the latter arrived in the United States, are now disclosed as follows:

"The ever increasing scale of assistance to Great Britain is to continue. We will make available the munitions and supplies that now flow from the rapidly expanding industrial facilities in the United States."

"Britain and the United States have long been linked by intimate bonds of blood and friendship."

"I feel confident, Mr. Ambassador, that your presence in the United States will increasingly strengthen these strong ties of our two countries."

"Let me assure you that all your work here may always count on my full co-operation and the co-operation of various Government agencies."

T.B. SPECIALIST DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—The internationally known tuberculosis specialist, Sir Pendell Varrier-Jones, Kt., M.A., F.R.C.P., has died following a heart attack.

Sir Varrier-Jones earned the gratitude of thousands for his successful method of treating the consumptive without segregation.

FINAL FANCIES FOR FANLING

The following are the final selections, for Kwanti tomorrow:—

RACE 1	
Zero	1
Jack O'Lantern	2
Mortmain	3
RACE 2	
Arabian Cat	1
Lucky Eleven	2
National Liberty	3
RACE 3	
Brutus	1
Sea Urchin	2
Colorado Star	3
RACE 4	
Surprise Again	1
Dick Turpin	2
Tarzan	3
RACE 5	
Phoenix	1
Royal Highness	2
King's Worthy	3
RACE 6	
Lancashire Chap	1
Scot Vale	2
National Success	3

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GIFT FROM KOWLOON

A London message announced that a gift to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund had been received from the Brook Club, Kowloon, Hongkong.

The message added that during War Week in Britain, John Hopkins, aged 14, had collected \$2,195 in one street alone.

The Canadian Red Cross has sent to the London County Council 6,000 pairs of Wellington boots for evacuated children, states a London message.

KWANTI CUP MAIN EVENT AT FANLING TOMORROW

BY "LAST QUARTER"

If the last race meeting held on Boxing Day under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club is taken as a criterion, a record crowd should be on hand tomorrow afternoon for the February Meeting at Kwanti. There are six events on the card, with the "Kwanti Cup" as the main attraction. This race is confined to "D" Class Australian ponies over one mile and is one of the four flat races included in the afternoon's programme. The Queensland Handicap is a 1-3/4 mile steeplechase for Australian ponies, while the Shataukok Hurdle Race over 1-1/4 miles is reserved for China ponies.

The usual train service will be available and racing enthusiasts making the trip can be assured of a pleasant afternoon's entertainment. These "country meetings" are certainly well supported by the public, which is undoubtedly due to the inclusion of flat racing and if the Club continues to serve out the same fare in the years to come, there need be no doubt as to the success of these meetings, from both a financial as well as sportsman's viewpoint.

The usual Special \$1 Sweep is enjoying brisk sales and will be drawn for in connexion with the "Kwanti Cup." The chances are limited to 100,000 tickets and the lucky winner will therefore be assured of a small fortune.

SHATAUKOK HURDLE
I am not certain as to the real identity of "Rob Roy," who is entered in this opening event, but have been told unofficially that it is not the old favourite from the Valley. In the absence of further confirmation, I am leaving this candidate out of my reckoning and believe that Zero should account for the race.

Mortmain will furnish the opposition as this pony is a trier and very honest in his running. Jack O'Lantern is another possibility, while I do not know whether Viber has taken kindly to hurdling. This black was expected to do big things at the Valley at one time and if well schooled and in condition, should be able to hold off the others.

THE LOWU HANDICAP (2ND SECTION)

Arabian Cat finished up with a nice burst of speed at the last meeting and I think this chestnut will reverse the result tomorrow and get the better of Lucky Eleven in this six furlong sprint, despite the latter appearing to be still in fine fettle.

For the minor placing I fancy either King's Envoy or National Liberty, with a slight preference for the last named.

QUEENSLAND HANDICAP
Despite having to carry top weight of 168 lbs., I think Brutus will win this 1-3/4 mile steeplechase. This pony has been gradu-

ally improving, judging from what I have seen of his early morning work at the Valley and I concede Sea Urchin as the only other entrant that will offer opposition, if the latter is started here instead of in the Kwanti Cup. Colorado Star also has entered for the main event but if sent to the post in this race should secure a place.

THE KWANTI CUP

In the absence of Sea Urchin and Colorado Star, I like the chances of Surprise Again. For second place, my vote goes to Dick Turpin, who invariably runs well at Fanling. Tarzan is fast enough to get a sufficient lead that may land him the minor placing. Amber II is the dangerous one and capable of giving the best a good run for honours. Circle is such a bad starter and so unreliable that no matter what I am told about her good qualities (and she undoubtedly has many), nothing will induce me to put my hard earned money on such a risk.

SAN WAI HANDICAP

This mile race should witness a close struggle between Phoenix and Royal Highness, with very little separating the two at the finish. Royal Wedding Eve has failed in the past but I do not believe this pony is in proper racing condition yet, and may still be worth following if looking well in the paddock. King's Worlhy should be able to place in this company, but I think the distance will be too much for Talkative. I do not like the looks of Wilber, though (The Tigress is in the pink of condition and the outsider to bet on, if one is hoping for better money.

LOWU HANDICAP (1ST SECTION)

For this six furlong race I expect the finish to be fought out between Ascot Vale and Lancashire Chap. The latter was beaten at the last meeting but finished the better of the two and going strongly once out of a "pocket" in the straight. National Success is also worth considering, while Desert Star will also find support. I have not seen Palmer lately but remember this grey is a recognised sprinter and will be racing on "home ground."

SENIOR SHIELD SOCCER TODAY

BEST ATTRACTION AT SOOKUNPOO

The Senior Shield football competition will make a start this afternoon when three first round matches will be played.

The best game will be that between SING TAO and MIDDLESEX at Sookunpoo. Though the "Die-hards" are good on their day they will find the Chinese just that too good for them.

SOUTH CHINA should beat **CLUB** while **KWONG WAH**, in view of their good showing lately, should start favourites against **KOWLOON**. B. Gosano will be pivot for Kowloon.

In the only game tomorrow, the holders, **EASTERN**, will be pitted against the new combination, **COMBINED ROYAL ARTILLERY**.

THE TEAMS

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-chol; Hau Yung-sang, Mak Shu-hon; Tsui Ah-fai, Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu; Yeung Shiu-yick, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Kwok Ying-ki and Ip Pak-wah.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Pak-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Cheong Shiu-fai, Chung Kim-fai, Yeung Tse-pong; Cheuk Shek-kam, Lau Fook-chuen, Chin Chi-fun, Tin Yun-fat and Wong King-chung.

CLUB: Odell; Eardley, S. Strange; Skinner, Upton, Millington; Fowler, Forrow, Reiertsen, Scott and Bickford.

MIDDLESEX: Jackson; Freshwater, Sheehan; Thomas, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Bullen, Saw and Marrabie.

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:—

OLD COURSE

- a.m.
9.16 G. T. Harrington, A. M. Mack.
9.20 H. H. Mundy, R. Young.
9.24 S. A. Redmond, S. L. Lloyd.
9.28 G. T. Lowry, A. V. Greaves.
9.32 N. D. Lloyd, D. J. Valentine.
9.36 J. S. Dunnnett, A. M. Kennedy.
9.40 D. L. Prophet, E. A. R. Newton.
9.44 P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.48 General Grassett, C. Blaker.
9.52 J. Linaker, T. Low.
9.56 M. A. B. de Haan, J. J. van Muihlen.
10.00 C. B. Burgess, R. H. Chal-linor.
10.04 D. MacAllister, A. H. Guinness.
10.08 J. P. Sherry, A. Nicol.
10.12 R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.16 Capt. Thursty, R. K. Valentine.
10.20 I. H. Ceare, K. S. Morrison.
10.24 D. S. Robb, G. M. Park.
10.28 A. C. Meredith, F. N. Merritt.
10.32 K. S. Robertson, A. McKellar.
10.36 D. S. Edward, W. W. C. Shewen.
10.40 G. E. Costello, G. W. Clague.
10.44 M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison.
10.48 W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
10.52 A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
10.56 J. W. McKee, C. F. Marshall.
11.00 R. C. Gairdner, Lieut. Carter.
11.04 J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.

NEW COURSE

- a.m.
9.24 S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
10.08 T. E. Pearce, D. L. Newbiggin.
10.12 M. H. Turner, J. C. Taylor.
10.20 F. A. M. Elliott, R. C. Stewart.
10.24 Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Stewart.

WILDCATS, CANUCKETTES TO MEET ON SUNDAY

Close Tussle Expected In Possible Pennant Decider

BY R.O.Y.

Staging the battle that softball fans have been waiting for all season, the Wildcats clash with the Canuckettes in the opener of an excellent programme at the Kowloon Football Club tomorrow. Besides this possible decider of the Ladies' pennant, the Canadian Chinese meet the Filipinos for the doubtful honour of settling in the cellar berth after which the flashy Mohawks will be seen in action against the well balanced Indian outfit.

Despite the early hour set for the start of the game, fans are expected to turn out in full force for the Wildcats-Canuckettes struggle as there is little love lost between these contestants and the spoils are sufficient to make both squads give of their best.

It will be remembered that the Maple Leafs won a grand victory over the same opposition last year in their march to the championship and, once again, the Wildcats appear to be the biggest obstacle in their attempt to repeat.

Bill Woo's Canadiennes, considering their high standing, are unique in that their only player of outstanding ability appears to be hurler Mary Louie who has literally carried her team through the present campaign.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, have in Irene Pereira, Cynthia Motta and the several Mar sisters recognised stars who have invariably been selected in the many representative and charity matches. The former are less temperamental than the latter though.

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GOOD GAME PROMISED

The first division games start off with the Chinese Baseballers opposed to the Recrelo Aces; neither squad is in the running for top honours but, although nothing is at stake, they can generally be relied upon to give a good show. The Chinese, though, will be without Crooner Ruel, Willie Wilson and Robert Strahl and being short-

handed have little prospect of flash Bill Woo, the Canucks will put up a much sterner fight even if they don't reverse the previous result.

INDIANS v. MOHAWKS
The Indian Softballers, twice Continued Page 12 Col. 1

Rifle Shoot

PROGRAMME FOR TOMORROW

The Police Rifle and Revolver Club has arranged the following programme for the Shoot to be held at Kowloon City tomorrow at 8.30 a.m.

Ranges: 300 and 600 yards.
Shots: 1 Slighter (convertible) and 10 to count.

Prizes: Individual Highest Net Score—Silver Cup; Individual highest Net and Handicap scores in each Class P.R. and R.C. Spoon. (Winner of the Cup will not be eligible for this competition).

Sealed Envelope Competition: 2 P.R. and R.C. Spoons.
Team Shoot: Teams of 5 from any Class. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish. Small Clubs may make up teams by including members of other Clubs, but no competitor may fire for more than one team. Teams to be declared before firing, and cards to be initiated by Hon. Secretary or his Deputy. Entrance fee per Team \$1.

Revolver: Highest nett score—P.R. and R.C. Spoon. 10 and 15 yards.
Clay Bird: Highest individual score—P.R. and R.C. Spoon. Major Newton to make his own conditions.

NAVY RUGGER XV

The following will represent the Royal Navy in a rugby match against the Club at Boundary St. today, kick-off at 3 p.m.

P. O. Clough; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, Cdt. Lambie, S/Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Carter (Capt), A/Lt. Tel. Bowden; L. S. A. Palmer, R. C. Castleton, S/Lt. Winter, C. P. O. Wtr. King, L. A. C. Stockham, S/Lt. Poole, S/Lt. Bager, A. B. Hughes.
Reserves:—F/Lt. Wright, E. A. Wilson, P. O. Wilson, S. B. A. Flynn, S/Lt. Carey.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

CRICKET—"A" Division, Kowloon C. C. v. Indian R.C., Civil Service C.C. v. Recrelo, University v. Craigengower. "B" Division, Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Indian R.C. v. University, Craigengower v. Civil Service C.C.

FOOTBALL—Senior Shield, Sing Tao v. Middlesex (Club), 4.15 p.m., South China v. Club (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m., Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 4.15 p.m., Junior Shield, Sing Tao "B" v. Kit Chee (Club), 2.45 p.m., Kwong Wah v. International (Kowloon), 2.45 p.m., Chinese A.S.C. v. South China (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m., Royal Engineers v. 36th R.A. (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m., 30th R.A. v. Signals (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m., R. A. M. C. v. Police (Causeway Bay), 2.45 p.m., First Division, Navy v. Police (Causeway Bay), 4.15 p.m., Second Division, Club v. R. A. O. C. (St. Joseph's), 4.15 p.m., Third Division, R.A.F. v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m.

RUGBY—Quadrangular Tournament, Police v. Army (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.; Club v. Royal Navy (Boundary Street), 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL—Senior Shield, Combined R. A. v. Eastern (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m., Junior Shield, R.A.S.C. v. 24th R.A. (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m., Eastern v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.

RACING—Fanling Hunt and Race Club's February Race Meeting.

RIFLE SHOOTING—Hongkong Rifle Association Spoon and Practice Shoot at Kowloon City, 8.30 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

SOFTBALL—Girls (at Kowloon, F.C.) Canuckettes v. Wildcats,

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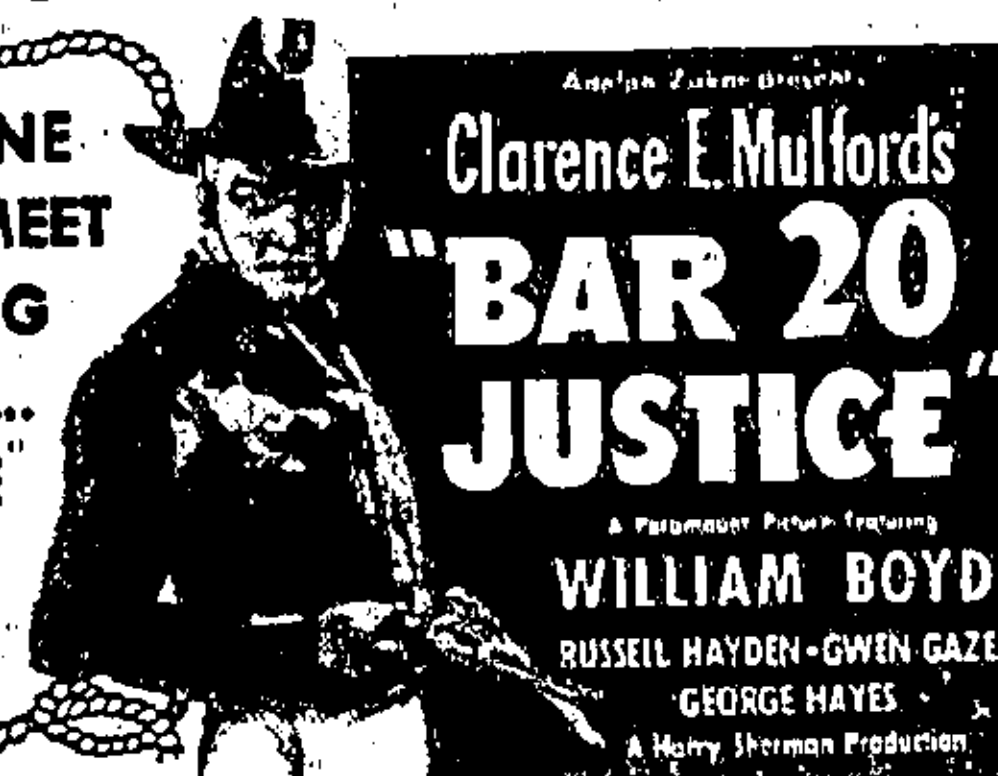
ORIENTAL THEATRE

LAST 4 TIMES TO-DAY

EXCITING WESTERN HITS A NEW HIGH FOR THRILLS!

The screen's favorite Western hero serves the law to gold-mine hijackers, rough-riding buckaroos ride headlong into a thrilling battle with dangerous outlaws.

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OF MICE AND MEN

At Majestic Theatre
Tomorrow

No one who had read the book when it was first published, ever expected to see John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" appear as a film. It was too daring a subject, treated with a stark reality that was unheard of in films. And yet a film version, true to the very spirit of Steinbeck's finest novel, opens today at the Majestic Theatre and proves once again that the screen is more powerful than the printed word.

"Of Mice and Men" brings with it a cast that is, without exception, unusually excellent. Burgess Meredith, Betty Field, Lon Chaney, Jr., Charles Bickford, Roman Bohnen are the top names in this cast.

The three leading characters that make this picture one that will win applause throughout the

NATIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY

The National Central Library in Chungking will be formally inaugurated today. Aside from the usual reading and stack rooms, the library also consists of a lecture room and two exhibition rooms, says Central News.

country. Betty Field—a rising star who has only played school-girl roles in films until now—turns in a performance as the puzzled, unhappy wife of the ranch owner's son that is startling in its depth and intensity.

Burgess Meredith, as George, the protector of Lennie, has topped all his previous stage and screen characterizations with the realism he gives this role and Lon Chaney, Jr. proves himself a true son of his gifted actor-father. Taken all in all, Hal Roach's "Of Mice and Men" is an experience that no film fan should miss.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

1—Tides: High 1.07 p.m. Low 6.21 a.m. and 6.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.12 p.m.
Furnity at China Fleet Club Theatre, 8.15 p.m.
Annual Supper Dance, La Salle Old Boys' Assn., Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
Students' Charity Bazaar, Wah Kiu School, 17, Castle Road, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.
Fanning Hunt Club February Meeting, 8.45 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: Volunteers v K.C.C. St. Anthony's Church, Feast St. John Bosco (Special Services).
Students' Charity Bazaar, Wah Kiu School, 17, Castle Road, 10 a.m.

2—Tides: High 12.05 a.m. and 1.37 p.m. Low: 6.51 a.m. and 6.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.12 p.m.
Fanning Hunt Club February Meeting, 8.45 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: Volunteers v K.C.C. St. Anthony's Church, Feast St. John Bosco (Special Services).
Students' Charity Bazaar, Wah Kiu School, 17, Castle Road, 10 a.m.

3—Tides: High 12.27 a.m. and 2.07 p.m. Low: 7.21 a.m. and 8.06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.13 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Fanning Lodge.

4—Tides: High 1.06 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Low: 7.47 a.m. and 9.49 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.14 p.m.
5—Tides: High 1.57 a.m. and 3.32 p.m. Low: 8.14 a.m. and 11.32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.14 p.m.

6—Tides: High 4.17 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Low: 8.44 a.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.15 p.m.
7—Tides: High 7.38 a.m. and 5.27 p.m. Low: 12.38 a.m. and 10.01 a.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 6.15 p.m.
Sino-British Cultural Assn. Meeting.

8—Tides: High 8.22 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. Low: 1.24 a.m. and 11.39 a.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.16 p.m.
9—Tides: High 8.47 a.m. and 7.11 p.m. Low: 2.05 a.m. and 12.41 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.17 p.m.
Soccer: Lai Wah Cup Competition.

10—Tides: High 9.11 a.m. and 7.59 p.m. Low: 2.40 a.m. and 1.35 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.17 p.m.
11—Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low: 3.16 a.m. and 2.22 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.18 p.m.

12—Tides: High 10.08 a.m. and 9.34 p.m. Low: 3.52 a.m. and 3.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.
13—Tides: High 10.42 a.m. and 10.19 p.m. Low: 4.27 a.m. and 3.51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.

14—Tides: High 11.16 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low: 5.03 a.m. and 4.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m.
St. Valentine's Day.

Rotary Must Do Its Part In Post-War Adjustments

Despite the fact that hundreds of clubs in Europe and some parts of the Far East have ceased to function because of the wars, Rotary still advances and today there are 5,057 clubs in 75 countries and dependencies with a total membership of 210,000. T. L. Hall, governor of the Philippine district, told Rotarians at the Manila Hotel recently.

APPEAL TO GOODWILL

This growth "in the face of growing dictatorships and policies far from favourable to Rotary principles," indicates that it has an appeal to men of goodwill in every country, Mr. Hall said. Rotary's principles are such that they are "feared wherever dictators have grasped the reins of government," he added.

The organization should be prepared to play its part in post-war adjustments, he believes, saying:

TEST FOR ROTARY

"This old world is being tested now, and Rotary is being tested. Some day there will be peace. It may come this year, or next. It may be delayed for many years. No one knows the date, but some time under some circumstances, an exhausted world will throw down its arms and stretch out to rest in the gentle sunshine of peace.

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12.30 Latest Variety.

Swing Fox-Trots—Stephane's Tune; After You've Gone—Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians. Vocal—Imagination (Burke-Van Heusen)—Bebé Daniels with Orch. Vocal—Breath Along with the Breeze (Whiting and Others); Ma (He's Making Eyes at Me)—The Merry Macs with Instr. acc. Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 18—Intro: I'm in the mood for love; Everything's been done before; Dancing time; In the middle of a kiss; Check to check; My blue Heaven—Charlie Kunz. Vocal—The Breeze and I (Schillman); Say It (McHugh, Loesser) The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Instr. acc.

1.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

1.03 Vivian Ellis at the Piano. "Floodlight"—Medley (Beverly Nichols). "Streamline"—Selection (Ellis); "Streamline"—The First Waltz (Ellis).

1.12 Film Selections.

"Sweethearts"—Selection (Herbert and Others)—Louis Levy and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. "Babes in Arms"—Good Morning (Frederick Brown); Where Or When (Hart and Rodgers)—Celia Lipton (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Alexander's Ragtime Band"—Selection (Irving Berlin)—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Beuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Jazz Me Blues; Washington & Lee Swing. Fox-Trots—Boogie Woogie Maxine; High Society. Fox-Trots—Spain; All By Myself. Fox-Trots—Smokey Mary; Cherry.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Rossini Programme.

Overture "L'italiana in Algeri"—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini. La Danza—Jan Klepura (Tenor) with Orchestra. La Conceretola—Overture—Milan Symphony Orchestra. Room For The Factotum (Barber of Seville)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. William Tell—Andante (Pastorale)—Massed Orchestra of Cellos.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 A Light French Programme.

Jean-Francois et Marie-Claire (Revue Folie en Fleurs)—Carmen Torres and Robert Buguet (Vocal) with Orchestra and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. L'Angelus De La Mer (Revue Folie en Fleurs)—Dania (Vocal) with Orch. and Chorus of the Folies Bergere. Ma Banlieue—Valse (Revue Folie en Fleurs)—L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra, with Vocal by Adrien Lamy. Pres De Toi Mon Amour; Pic—Pic—(Trenet)—Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra. Reve Secret—Valse Misticte (Hale); Parade D'Oiseau—One Step (Alexander)—L'Accordeoniste Alexander.

7.45 London Relay—The News.

7.55 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

8.00 Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.

8.03 London Relay—Music Hall.

8.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Local sport results.

9.33 Tchaikowsky—Symphony No. 5 In E Minor, Op. 64.

1st Mov: Andante-Allegro con anima; 2nd Mov: Andante cantabile, con alcuna licenza; 3rd Mov: Valse (Allegro moderato); 4th Mov: Finale (Andante maestoso-Allegro vivace) (Moderato assai e molto maestoso—Presto-Molto meno mosso)—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

10.23 A Concert by Gligi (Tenor). Casals (Cello) and Gieseking (Piano). Little Joyeuse (Debussy); Fagades (Estampes No. 1—Debussy)—Walter Gieseking (Piano). Moment Musica. (Schubert); La Cygne (Saint-Saens)—Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano acc. What Then, Santuzza? Stay, Stay, Turiddu (both from Cavalleria Rusticana—Mascagni)—Gligi (Tenor) & Gannini (Soprano) with Orchestra. Chanson Villagesoise, Op. 62, No. 1 (David Popper); Apres Un Reve (Faure)—Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano. Lullaby (from the film). Say you will not Forget (film Lullaby)—Gligi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Serenade (R. Strauss, Op. 17, No. 2—arr. Gieseking)—Walter Gieseking (Piano).

11.00 London Relay—Talk: In My Opinion.

11.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—You're A Lucky Guy; You're Just A No Account—Louis Armstrong and His Orchestra. Waltz—Memories Live Longer Than Dreams; Fox-Trot—Out of the Blue—Jock Payne and His Band. Fox-Trot—Get Your Boots Laced, Papa—Woody Herman and His Orchestra. Rumba—Marras—Tejada and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Arm in Arm; Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Tangos

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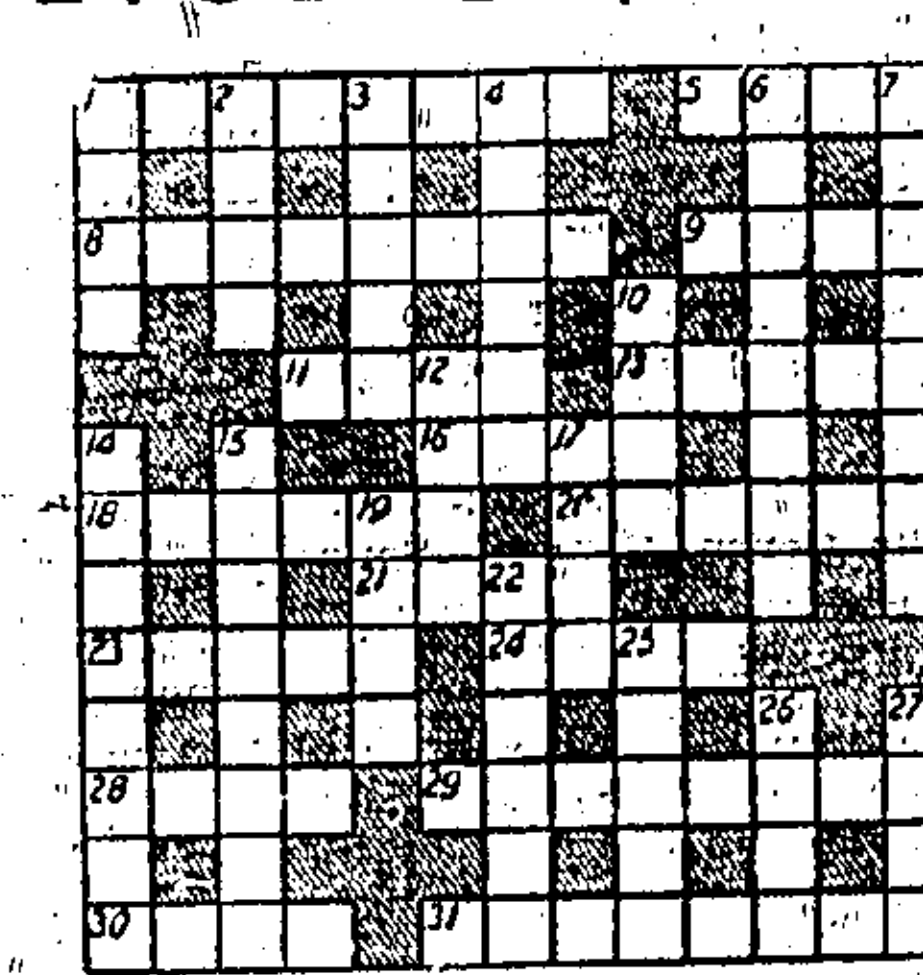
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Hitler Commemorates Anniversary Of Nazi Regime With Threats

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN TO BE INTENSIFIED IN THE SPRING

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler, in his speech to the German nation on last night on the occasion of the eight anniversary of the Nazi regime, said: "It is useless to predict any differences with Italy or that Italy will slide out. Equally useless is it to invent revolutions in Italy. Wherever we can strike at Britain, we shall strike. If the British think to see proof of their victory in a few misfortunes which have befallen our partner, I do not understand their argument."

Speaking of his relations with Mussolini, Hitler said: "We two are neither Jews nor business dealers. If we have joined hands, this is the hand-lasp of men of honour."

Concluding, Hitler said: "If the British think that by propaganda and lies they will alienate the German people, I must say that they should not have slept so long. It is as ridiculous as their present attempt to try and bring about an estrangement between the Italian people and Il Duce."

U-BOAT WARFARE

"We enter the New Year with an armed might which is prepared as never before in German history. This spring we will begin U-boat warfare and our enemies will then feel that we were not asleep. We are confident that we shall achieve victory. We pray to God that He may not forsake our struggle in the new year of 1941."

After the speech, Dr. Goebbels shouted, "Command, my Fuehrer! We obey and shall follow you."

BRITISH OFFENSIVE

"I have read on several occasions that the English intend to start a great offensive somewhere. I would ask them to let me know about it beforehand. I would then have that area in Europe evacuated. I would gladly spare them the difficulties of landing, and we would express our views once again using the only language they understand."

"We stand here on this continent, and from where we stand nobody can move us. We have created certain bases. When the hour strikes we shall deal decisive blows. And that we have made the most of our time they will be taught by the history of this year."

"They are calling for America. We have taken into account every possibility in advance." He added that Germany never had any interest on the American continent.

VERSAILLES TREATY

Regarding his foreign policy, Herr Hitler said that this could be summarised in one sentence—abolition of Versailles.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO TOKYO

SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE

SUCCESSFUL RAIDS INTO ABYSSINIA

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—One of the most successful operations carried out by the South African Air Force in three successive days, dealing a crippling blow to the Italians without loss on their part, was described in a cable from Nairobi.

As a result a car park at Oughelli, housing over 150 vehicles, has been completely gutted.

The Yavello aerodrome has sustained severe damage and one Caproni has been destroyed and others damaged while at Selascianna, over 250 miles beyond the frontier and halfway to Addis Ababa six other Italian aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged.

The pilots of two squadrons flew hundreds of miles over a wilderness inhabited by hostile people—over a distance on some occasions longer than the R.A.F. have covered when they bombed Berlin.

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—An echo of the Shanghai Municipal Council incident, when the Chairman, Mr. W. J. Keswick, was shot at and wounded, was heard in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. R. A. Butler stated the British Ambassador had made strong representations regarding the disorderly conduct of Japanese ratepayers and pressed for an early and suitable punishment for Mr. Hayashi.

COMMONS DISCUSS KESWICK INCIDENT

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, in reply to questions by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne and Sir Robert Gower regarding the wounding of Mr. W. J. Keswick in Shanghai, said that the British Ambassador had made strong representations about the disorderly conduct of the Japanese rate-payers, and had pressed for an early and suitable punishment of Hayashi.

The Japanese Government had informed Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, that Hayashi was being brought back to Japan for trial and that everything would be done to prevent a recurrence of the incident which was greatly regretted. "Meanwhile I have nothing further to add in reply to the questions," he said.

Mr. Butler said he was glad to say that Mr. Keswick's wounds were not serious and that he was expected to leave hospital soon.

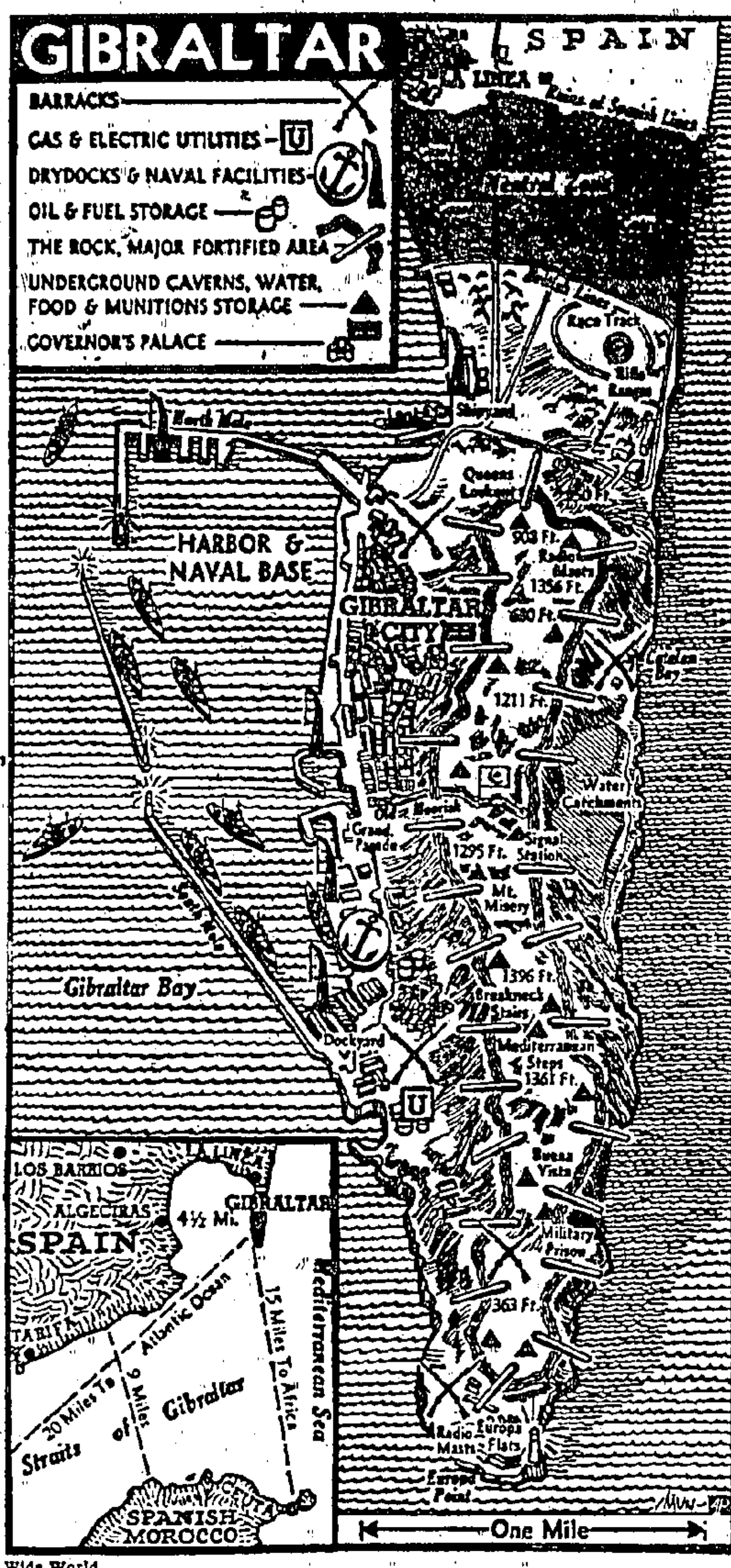
Sir John Wardlaw-Milne's question suggested that the Government inform Tokyo that the Japanese claim for further representation on the Shanghai Municipal Council would not receive the support of H. M. Government.

CO-OPERATION WITH U.S.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether Mr. Butler could give an assurance that the British Government in all matters affecting the relations with China and Japan, are working in close co-operation with the United States Government.

Mr. Butler replied that as had

Where Germany Has Eyes



Notorious Indian Rebel With Nazis

NEW DELHI, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Fakir Ipi whose turbulent activities in the North-West Frontier of India have made him a notorious figure, is now making contact with enemy influences in Afghanistan, according to reports reaching here.

It is learned that German propaganda influences in Afghanistan, where there is a considerable German colony, is becoming noticeably larger and a number of pamphlets are being circulated in various parts of the country and filtering into tribal areas adjoining the British Indian frontier.

RED ARMY TRAINING

ROLE OF INFANTRY IN MODERN WAR

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—"Teach the troops only what it is necessary for them to know during wartime and teach them as if they were under actual war conditions." This is the keynote of an order regarding military training in 1941 issued by Marshal Timoshenko, Soviet Defence Commissar.

Marshal Timoshenko stresses the importance of infantry in modern warfare and urges that arms should be so co-ordinated as to secure maximum advantage for the infantry "which is a deciding factor in modern battles."

The Red Star, organ of the Red Army, declares that "without good infantry victory can never be achieved in modern warfare."

According to Marshal Timoshenko another pre-requisite for victory is discipline which he describes as the chief strength of an army and adds that it is necessary to increase the authority of the commanders.

Britain Has Won Early Stages

U.S. ARMY OFFICER'S FINDING

Recently Major General James E. Chaney, of the U.S. Army Corps, unsealed his lips to U.S. reporters after telling his superiors in Washington what he saw as an official observer in Britain between Oct. 10 and Nov. 20. He low-rated U.S. and British warplanes in engines, armament and fire power, compared to German planes.

His assay of Britain's chances sounded optimistic because he credited Britain with winning the early stages of the air war by wide margins. But of the air war's latest industry and port-blasting phase he said nothing except to list as Britain's urgent needs: 100 more destroyers, bases in Eire, merchant ships, credits—the things of which Britain must have more and more as her own production is reduced.

CUBA CLAMPS DOWN ON TOTALITARIAN ASSOCIATIONS

HAVANA, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—The Government of Cuba has decreed all totalitarian associations illegal and has prohibited the use of totalitarian flags and emblems and has banned all totalitarian propaganda.

The decree is considered to be aimed at Nazis, Fascists and Communists equally.

The Spanish Government has recalled its Consul-General, Senor Genaro Riestra, a well known Falangist (Spanish Fascist).

It is believed here that the Cuban Government requested that he be withdrawn because of his alleged anti-democratic activities.

been made clear on more than one occasion in the past, the Government would maintain contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest, and that remained their policy.

U.S. DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST REICH FAVOURED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Mr. James Gerard, who was the United States Ambassador to Germany from 1913 until the United States entered the World War, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he favoured an American declaration of war against Germany.

He predicted that the Nazis would seize Mexico if Britain was defeated.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Gerard said that a declaration of war might not actually be necessary provided that Mr. Roosevelt was given fuller powers under the Lease and Lend Bill to aid Britain.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt's Lease and Lend Bill to aid the democracies was yesterday approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, which was earlier reported to have rejected the amendment placing a limit of \$2,000,000,000 on the Lease and Lend proposals.

A fresh assurance of the United States' "firm determination to continue assistance to Britain on an ever-increasing scale" was given by President Roosevelt to Lord Halifax in formal exchanges which took place after the British Ambassador landed at Annapolis.

(This is now revealed by the State Department which published the text of President Roosevelt's remarks to Lord Halifax when the latter presented his credentials on landing.)

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—The world renowned Grand National steeplechase will not be run this year, and probably not again until after the war.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, told the House of Commons that he had considered a proposal to hold the Grand National at Cheltenham instead of the normal venue, Aintree, but he had reached the conclusion that this race fixture was undesirable.

'REX' TO BECOME ARMED CRUISER

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—According to messages reaching London, the Rome correspondents of Swiss newspapers say that several large Italian liners, including the Rex, are undergoing hurried reconstruction by day and night working to be put into service as merchant cruisers.

WOMAN REGENT OF BASUTOLAND

MASERU, Basutoland, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Matsaba Mantseba, widow of the late Seelso Griffith, famous Paramount Chief of Basutoland, was elected Regent of Basutoland—subject to confirmation by the British High Commissioner—at a meeting of the Grand Native Council today.

She is the first woman ever to be admitted to the deliberations of the Council Chamber, and is the first woman Regent.

The new paramount chief is her three-year-old son Seelso Griffith.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF BUSINESS HOURS

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"OVER HERE": Famous American stage and film stars at a Royal Air Force camp concert. As a tribute to the magnificent work of the R.A.F. American artists now in England recently put on a show at a special camp concert at an R.A.F. station, and the programme was broadcast in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service. Among the crowd of R.A.F. men are (L. to R.): Donald Stewart, Norris Smith, Claire Luce, Teddy Brown, Manning Sherwin, Adelaide Hall, Elizabeth Welch, Walter Crisham, Carroll Gibbons, Bebe Daniels, Dorothy Dickson, Diana Ward & Vic Oliver.

H.K. STUDENTS' CHARITY BAZAAR IN AID OF SINO WOUNDED SOLDIERS

"I HAVE A GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE STUDENTS IN HONGKONG. THEY YIELD TO NONE IN PATRIOTISM AND CHARITY. The bazaar which they have organised today is proof of the good work they have done for the poor and the suffering. It is work of this nature which prepares youth for citizenship, and in the youth of today I entertain great hopes and faith for the future", said Hon. SIR ROBERT KOTTEWALL, K.T., C. M. G., LL.D., when he opened the charity bazaar organised by the Hongkong Students' Relief Association in the grounds of the Wah Kiu Middle College, Castle Road, yesterday.

Sir Robert was met, on his arrival, by Mr. Tang Chi-ching and Mr. Tong Chun-hong, President and Chairman, respectively, of the bazaar.

Addressing those present, in Chinese, Sir Robert said that the object of the bazaar was to raise funds for the relief of wounded Chinese soldiers, refugees, and those boys and girls who were unable to continue their studies due to poverty brought on by the war in China.

Everyone, said Sir Robert, was fully aware of the sufferings of wounded soldiers and there was, therefore, no necessity for him to speak of this subject.

The Association's aim, went on Sir Robert, to raise funds for the assistance of their destitute fellow-students reflects the greatest credit on the members and should receive the commendation, and hearty support, of everyone.

The speaker concluded by wishing the bazaar every success.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, member of the Committee, said many students were forced to abandon their studies due to lack of funds.

Mr. Tang Chi-ching thanked both speakers for their presence and their interest in the Association.

Among those present, besides Sir Robert, were Messrs. Ip Lan-chuen, Tang Chi-ching, Li Tai-yan, Wong Cho-fan, Wong Sook-to, and Ng Kung-foo.

The schools taking part were the Wah Nam, Kwong Tai (Poo Chung), Ling To Girls', Kwong Kui, Wah Kiu, Chung Wah, Queen's College, Man Fat, Tai Shing, Man Cho, Fong Lam, Ling Chung, Hon Man, Nan Yung Commercial College, and Shun Ching Musical Academy.

The bazaar will be continued today and tomorrow.

H.K. TRAMWAYS CO. DIVIDEND

The Directors of Hongkong Tramways Limited announce, for recommendation at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Feb. 25, a Final Dividend of One Dollar per share.

This makes a total of \$1.50 per share for the year 1940 and, after providing all Charges, Depreciation, Corporation Profits and Property Taxation and the transfer of \$100,000 to General Reserve, leaves, subject to Audit, a balance of \$159,739 carried forward to next year.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 30:—Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, two cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 20 cases.

EASTERN PORTS

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending on Jan. 25 reveals a practically clean bill of health, only one case of small-pox being recorded in Shanghai.

Colony To Have 3-Day Black-Out Exercises

CENSUS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN IN ALL A.R.P. DISTRICTS

The Colony's next black-out will commence on Wednesday, Feb. 26, and may last three nights, the Director of A.R.P., Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., stated yesterday at his weekly press conference.

The black-out may be called off after the first night provided co-operation from the public with regard to their share of arrangements toward a successful exercise is properly forthcoming.

The Director of A.R.P. will be empowered to continue the exercise on the further two days.

During the three-day period commencing on Feb. 25, black-out exercises will be conducted in various districts both by day and by night.

Work has been commenced in the past week on a new tunnel under D'Agullar Street. This will probably be one of the largest tunnels to be built.

DISTRICT CENSUS

Work on the A.R.P. Department project to take a census of all women and children in all A.R.P. districts will commence in about six weeks' time. Street sleepers will be included in this census.

The Mobile lighting exhibition starts its journey again on Monday when Central District and Hung-hom will be visited. On Tuesday, the exhibition will visit the Upper Levels and Kowloon City.

Circular letters are being sent to all firms, hotels, flats, etc. requesting that every big building detail two or three employees for a short course in A.R.P. instruction.

COMPETITIONS

Wardens of two districts are organising competitions in the near future. Tomorrow, the Caroline Hill Stadium will see an athletic meet for Wardens of District "A", Upper Levels Division, and on Feb. 16, wardens of Shamshuipo district will compete for a trophy to be presented by Mr. E. Himsforth.

PASSENGERS

The following passengers left Hongkong for Manila by the President Cleveland on Thursday:—

Mr. H. E. Arnold, Miss F. Balcevis, Mrs. L. R. Cramer, Mr. A. P. Ferguson, Mr. H. W. R. Hyde, Mr. Juan N. Peckson, Miss V. Tuano.

V. Konvicka, Mrs. C. Winterle, Miss I. Winterle, Miss E. K. Lavrish, Mrs. C. A. Gelvin and two children, and Miss Y. F. Cook. Through passengers for Netherlands East Indies ports were Mr. and Mrs. J. Pennink and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

COMING & GOING BY CLIPPER

Pan American Airways, PHILIPPINE CLIPPER (Capt. Turner) arrived in Hongkong yesterday, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Jan. 24, and the following passengers from Manila:

MR. LOUIS J. FRANCISCO, Executive of Marsman Trading Corp., Manila, on short business trip to Hongkong;

MR. LAURIE NIELSON, Manager of L. R. Nielson and Company, Manila, on business to Hongkong, accompanied by his wife, Annette Nielson;

MR. OTTO WYSS, Connected with the Agricultural Department of Warner Barnes and Co., Ltd., Manila, on short business trip to Hongkong;

MR. BERNARD F. JOHNSON, Chemical engineer connected with the Texas Co., returning to Hongkong from the Philippines;

MR. BROCK A. PARK, Executive of American International Underwriters on short business trip to Hongkong. He returned to Manila on the same Clipper, today;

MR. SOORAN TOPALLAN, Connected with Aviation Equipment and Export Company, Inc., Hongkong, returning after a business trip to the United States. Mr. Topallan spent a few weeks in Manila while in transit from San Francisco to his home;

MR. LUCIO R. ILDEFONSO, Businessman from Hongkong returning to his home;

MR. ROBERT P. DE LA SALA, Connected with John Manners and Co., Hongkong, returning after a business trip to the Philippines;

MR. ALEX. E. GERONDA, Ships broker returning to his home in Hongkong;

MR. STEVEN F. BALFOUR, Completing the return portion of a round trip to Manila from Hongkong;

Messrs. Go Tian and Qua Kian, Chinese merchants on business to Hongkong and Dr. Arthur Woo, the well-known Hongkong practitioner.

ARRIVALS BY DUTCH SHIP

Arrivals from Shanghai by a Dutch vessel yesterday were Mrs. A. A. Keyzer, C. H. D. Curtis, A. F. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cunningham-Tweedie, Mrs. J. Vago, E. Geddes, Max Friedman, B. Britt, C. A. Carter and P. L. Williams.

Passengers embarking here for Manila by the same vessel were L. D. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Struges-Wellis.

Through passengers for Manila were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hind, R. W. Mills, W. C. Farnham, E. S. Heller, E. W. Langdon, Rev. John D. Hayes, Miss R. W. Walker, Miss C. C. Barnaby, Miss N. L. Skeeters, Miss J. M. Ross, Miss E. M. Ashcroft, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jaurougi, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jaurougi, Mrs. M. D. Debris and child, Miss F. M. de Pao de Marsouilles, Miss N. P. Nesterenko, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patton and child, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Lindholm and three children, S. E. Benjamin, J. H. Shelton, Mrs. V. I. Huntley, Miss H. I. Huntley, Mrs.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

ROBBERY TRIAL

Further evidence for the prosecution was given before Major Macfadyen yesterday at the resumed hearing of the case in which Ho Sui-wah, 28, Water Police seaman W77, Lam Fook, 30, Tsang Wing-pan, 34, Wong Wai-pang, alias Chan Hung, 38, and Lau Lam, 36, all unemployed, are charged with robbing Chan Kai of \$145 and Ho Yui of \$1.50 at No. 359, Lockhart Road, first floor, on Jan. 4.

First defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios. Hearing was adjourned to Monday at 2.30 p.m.

GAMBLING CASES

A total of 44 persons were brought before Mr. Lowry on gambling charges yesterday.

Charged with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of pal kau Yam Sze, 23, room boy, was fined \$50, Fu Ho, 27, 30, and Tam Nam, 52, \$20.

Of the 41 charged with gambling, 27 failed to appear and their bail of \$3 each were estreated. The rest were fined \$2 each.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

Tsang Cheung, 24, newspaper delivery boy, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding and inflicting grievous bodily harm on the person of Pun Nang on Dec. 26 last at No. 118, Hollywood Road, first floor. Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

HARD LABOUR FOR SNATCHER

Convicted of larceny from the person of a 46-year-old widow, Mak Ngan, of No. 107, Hollywood Road, second floor, of a pair of earrings in Hollywood Road, near Shing Wong Street on Jan.

30, Lau Wo, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. G.T. Lowry yesterday.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. F. W. Fowles stated that complainant was walking along Hollywood Road on Thursday night when defendant came up from behind and snatched the earrings away. He was caught by a Chinese detective.

Defendant had two previous convictions.

GAMING HOUSE

Wai Tim, 36, unemployed, and Leung Kam-tuk, 45, shop keeper, were charged before Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday with keeping the first floor of No. 91, Main Street East as a common gaming house for the purpose of palkau on Jan. 30, while 45 others were charged with gambling in the premises.

The first two defendants were fined \$200 each, and the rest \$5.

On the request of Mr. C. A. Southerton Russ, who is appearing for the first two defendants, through D.I. W. A. Russell, hearing of the case was fixed for Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

There were 35 absentees yesterday, and their bails of \$5 each were estreated.

THEFT FROM NAVAL DOCKS

Kok Cheung, master of Class IV boat No. 1633V, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of larceny from the Hongkong Naval Yard on Jan. 10 of 21 pounds of high speed steel bars, valued at \$105, and the alternative, of unlawfully receiving the same.

He was further summoned for trespassing in the Naval Yard.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty to all the charges. The prosecution was taken up by Sgt. Thompson of the Royal Navy Police.

It was stated that defendant, while going about his work as an unofficial rubbish disposer of the Naval Yard on Jan. 10, was seen by an Indian constable picking up a parcel. After putting it into a basket and covering it up with rubbish, he threw the basket into his junk lying alongside the sea-wall. He was arrested, and from his junk the parcel, which was found to contain seven steel rods, was recovered.

Defendant, in evidence, denied that he had picked up the parcel, saying that it was only found in his junk.

AT KOWLOON

FALSE PRETENCES

A woman, Leung Sau-chun, and Mak Yau, 36, shoemaker, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with obtaining money by false pretences and with attempting to obtain money by similar means.

First defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$50, fined \$10 for giving a false name and address and to pay \$23 compensation to the pawn shop. Second defendant was fined \$100.

INDIAN BOUND OVER

Ghulam Mohammed, 25, of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, convicted of burglary, was ordered by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday to sign a personal bond and to pay \$6 compensation to complainant.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Hung Siu-fai, 24, factory master, of No. 232, Yen Chow Street, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay \$8.20 compensation to complainant when

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FUNERAL OF MISS E. M. CARVALHO

The death occurred on Tuesday at St. Teresa's Hospital, Kowloon, of Miss Edith Maria Carvalho, a prominent member of the Portuguese community in Hongkong and Macao, at the age of 78.

The funeral, which took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday evening, was largely attended. Father Granelli officiated, assisted by the Very Rev. Fr. G.M. Spada. Among those present were Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Messrs. A. J. Rodrigues, E. H. Carvalho, Dr. E. D. de Souza, J. M. Noronha, J. A. S. Alves, D. F. Lopes, J. A. E. Silva, E. J. Figueiredo, H. A. Castro, J. J. Gutierrez, A. M. Prata, V. E. da Rocha, J. Eca, D. M. da Rocha, F. P. Graca, Miss M. d'Almada and many others.

Two sheaths of flowers were interred with the casket. Many floral tributes were sent.

he was convicted by Mr. Himsforth on a charge of disorderly conduct at the Kowloon Skating Rink.

INJURED BY CRACKERS

Alleged to have thrown fire-crackers at a girl's face causing injuries, a woman, Li Yip, of No. 17, Peking Road, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with discharging fire-crackers without permission and with throwing crackers to the danger of the public. Defendant was fined \$11.

BOX-MAKER FINED

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday on a charge of throwing fire-crackers to the danger of the public, Chau Min, 20, was fined \$2.

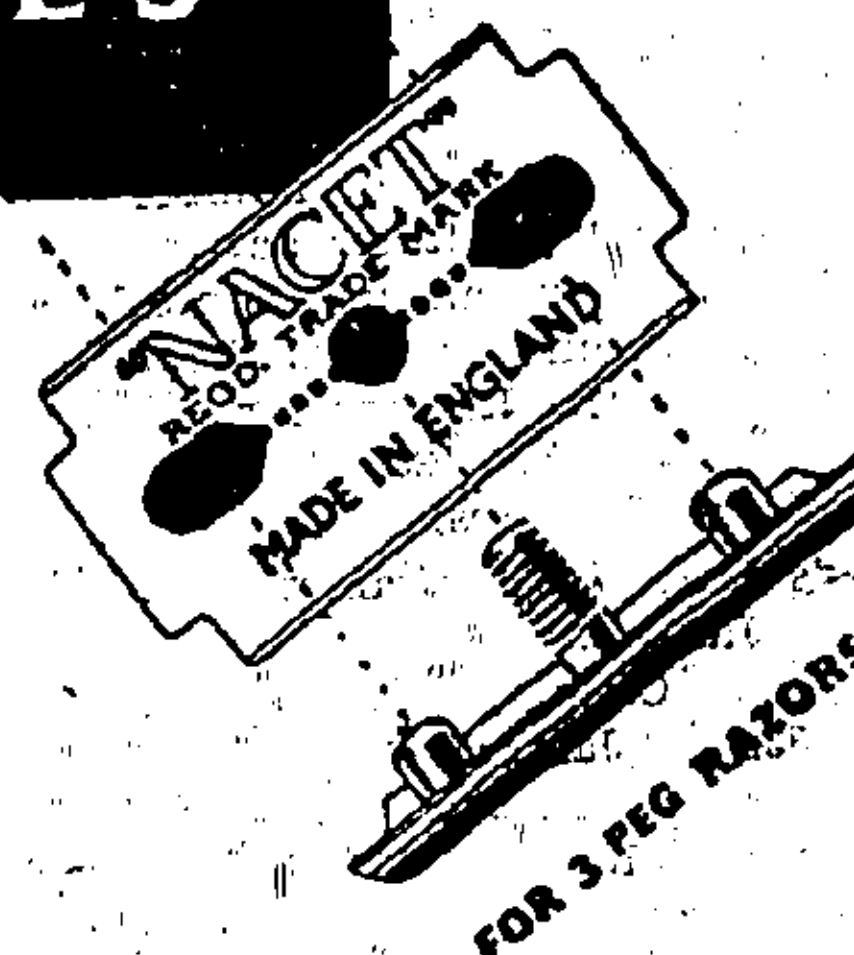
MARINE COURT

Fourteen Chinese women appeared before the Marine Magistrate, Lt.-Cmdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday on charges that they had boarded a ship lying in Victoria Harbour without the permission of the Master or the Officer in charge.

Twelve of the defendants were fined \$20 each or two weeks' imprisonment, and the other two, who had previous convictions for a similar offence, were fined \$30 or one month's imprisonment in the case of one and \$50 or two months' imprisonment in the case of the other.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

February Meeting, 2nd
February, 1941

The February Meeting will be held at Kwant on Sunday, 2nd February, 1941, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

A special train will leave Kowloon at 1.08 p.m. and return at 6.41 p.m. The First Class Return Fare of \$2 includes admittance to the Race Course.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 including Tax. Servicemen in uniform are admitted half price.

By Order of the Committee,
THOMSON & CO.,
Secretaries.

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 71 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is revealed in the Returns for the week ending on Jan. 25.

Urban Areas (Civilians):
King's Park—1,299 against 1,301 on Jan. 18.
Ma Tau Chung—1,390 against 1,332 on Jan. 18.
North Point—1,458 against 1,458 on Jan. 18.
Morrison Hill—538 against 538 on Jan. 18.

Urban Areas (Soldiers):
In Hospital—23 against 25 on Jan. 18.
Argyle Street—699 against 697 on Jan. 18.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):
Tal Hang—2,557 against 2,555 on Jan. 18.
Ngau Tau Kok—798 against 798 on Jan. 18.

Rural Areas:
Kam Tin—1,876 against 1,860 on Jan. 18.
Fanning Children's Camp—303 against 304 on Jan. 18.
Total—10,949 against 10,878 on Jan. 18.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION AGAINST ESCORT BUREAUX

Although a recommendation had been made to Government no decision has yet been made regarding the closure of the girl escort bureaux in the Colony, it was learned yesterday.

Enquiries made at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs elicited the information that a suggestion had been advanced some months ago but this was shelved on account of the war.

It was also learned that neither the S.C.A. nor the Chinese National Relief Commission had devised any plan for the repatriation of escort girls to Free China.

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NORTH AFRICAN OFFENSIVE

THE SPEED with which Gen.

Sir Archibald Wavell is pushing his campaign against the Italians in North Africa appears to have surprised military critics. Those who expected the Army of the Nile to pause after the capture of Tobruk undoubtedly based their arguments on the necessity for avoiding any considerable lengthening of the British line of communications, but, as experts of desert warfare have pointed out, the capture of Tobruk placed a decided advantage in the hands of the British troops owing to the fact that the good harbour which the port possesses has made it possible for the sea to be utilised for the bringing up of supplies and reinforcements.

The fact that the British Navy has been able to co-operate so efficiently with the land and air forces in the North African campaign has given General Wavell such a strong upper hand in the conduct of the operations that he has, very correctly, decided to exploit it to the fullest advantage. And so on to Derna, which has now fallen to the Imperial forces and a rapid follow up, with Benghazi as the next step.

THERE ARE, of course, other considerations which must have made General Wavell determined to lose no time in rendering the whole British position in Northern Libya safe from an attack by the Italians. The confusion in which the enemy has been forced to fall back from one line of defence to another made it necessary to keep the retreating forces in dismay and prevent them from organising any resistance. Reports even now speak of a hurried attempt being made by the Italians to offer some form of concentrated resistance against the advance to Benghazi and it was, therefore, imperative that General Wavell should lose no time in preventing this resistance from growing in strength.

Another factor which came into General Wavell's considerations was the form which the assistance from the Germans would take. He is well aware that in the German air force, even if help from the air is the only comfort Herr Hitler can offer his tottering partner in this region, he has something more formidable to contend with than with the incompetent Italian airmen.

APART from this important aspect of the situation, the pressure which Herr Hitler is now exerting on the Vichy Government might have results which would strengthen Herr Hitler's position in his participation in the war in the Mediterranean theatre. What the German Fuehrer's latest demands on Marshal Petain were is still not definitely known, but there is every reason for believing that the use of the French port of Tunis was one of them. It is still impossible to speculate on how far the aged Marshal will resist these German attempts to obtain fuller co-operation from France in the war

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
B.W.O.F. BALLOutstanding Surprise
Cabaret Item

WELL OVER 1,000 PERSONS FILLED THE ROSE ROOM OF THE PENINSULA HOTEL LAST NIGHT when a highly successful Ball, organised by the Executive Committee of the B.W.O.F., was held.

The outstanding entertainment of the evening was a surprise cabaret item "American Barn Dance" arranged by the American community and the U.S. Navy.

Another number which won hearty applause was a dance presented by the Volunteer Nursing Detachment which was arranged by Mrs. Howell and in which Misses Betty Richards, Cynthia Sanh, Maureen Booker, Rachael Smith, Betty Longbottom, and Betty Pritchard participated.

Miss Aileen Arneuh danced an attractive number entitled "Savage," whilst Herbert Tong, Gloria Yee and Dora Chow also contributed to the success to the cabaret.

About 11.15 p.m. Mr. T. B. Wilson conducted an auction.

PICTURE FETCHES \$325
A picture of a Chinese head, presented by Mr. Ranul Bigazzi was bought by Mr. D. C. Edmondston for \$325, while an ivory figure was purchased by Mr. S. T. Williamson for \$600 and was, in turn, re-auctioned and fetched a further \$425, the purchaser being Mr. S. T. Williamson.

A camphorwood chest was auctioned and bought by Sir Vandeleur Grayburn for \$275.

RAFFLE RESULTS
Results of raffles, among numerous others, were:—\$100 cash order donated by Lane, Crawford—No. 2031 (Cheung, Cheung); Banquet Cloth—No. 796 (Sir Atholl MacGregor); six bottles of whiskey and six bottles of gin—No. 204 (Mr. A. C. I. Bowker); case of Foster's beer, donated by L. Rondon and Co.—No. 876; Special prize (Remington portable typewriter de luxe, donated by Davie, Soag and Co.)—No. 1320.

SIKONG'S WATER CONSERVANCY

A three year plan for the promotion of Sikong's water conservancy has been drawn up by the Sikong Water Conservancy Bureau which was established at Yau recently. The plan, it is learned, will entail an expenditure of \$30,000,000, but after its completion, it is expected to yield an income of more than \$10,000,000 every year.—(Central News).

against Britain and her allies.

If Marshal Petain submits to Herr Hitler, the passing of Tunis and Bizerte into German control would undoubtedly handicap British naval and air operations in the Mediterranean theatre, when these positions are considered in conjunction with the Italian bases in Sicily and the island of Pantelleria.

IT IS the importance of reducing the effect of such an eventuality that decided Gen. Wavell to push on swiftly to Benghazi, the occupation of which should give the British a command of the wide Gulf of Sirte. The coastal road from Benghazi might even make it possible for the British to gain control of the whole coastal area up to Tripoli, where an occupation by British naval and land forces would strengthen Britain's hold on the Central Mediterranean. The war in this zone might in such circumstances reach a decisive stage for the supremacy in the Mediterranean, which Britain has so successfully dominated in recent weeks. The obstacles which Herr Hitler will have to overcome to make his plan succeed are numerous. Furthermore, it must necessarily extend his operations on a second front and thus weaken his organisation for a concentrated attack on Britain, which is admittedly his main source of worry and concern. The progress of the British and allied operations in the Mediterranean zone will, therefore, be eagerly awaited in the coming weeks.

Monthly
Statement Of
B.W.O.F.

The Statement of Accounts of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong branch, for the month of December is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.—To balance brought forward at Dec. 1, 1940, \$64,947.17; to donations and subscriptions Dec. 1940, \$13,630.27; to sales (Central Hospital Supply Service Badges and Postal labels) \$14.80; to bank interest to Dec. 31, 1940, \$225.66. Total \$78,818.90.

PAYMENTS.—By remittance to T. H. \$457.00; to remittance in favour of British Red Cross, \$24,055.10; to purchases, \$1,505.06; to packing and transport, \$694.32; to office expenses, \$352.00; balance in bank, \$51,553.59. Petty Cash, \$201.33. Total \$78,818.90.

SUDDEN COLD
SNAP:

51 AT 3 A.M.

A sudden cold snap descended on the Colony yesterday, the maximum temperature being 54 deg. and the minimum 48, as compared with 64 and 58, respectively, on Thursday.

The coldest temperature for this month occurred on Jan. 18, 1893, when 32 deg. was recorded, and there was frost on the Peak.

At 3 a.m. this morning the temperature was 51; at midnight it was 52 and 10 o'clock last night 50.

NEWSETTES

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at the Kwant Races tomorrow at 2.45 p.m.

Mrs. L. R. Cramer, wife of Mr. L. R. Cramer, of the National City Bank of New York, left Hongkong for Manila on Thursday.

Mr. H. E. Arnold, director, International Assurance Co., Ltd., left for Manila on Thursday.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will dine with the Consul-General for France and Madame L. O. F. Reynaud on Friday next, Feb. 7, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. S. F. Balfour, the popular District Officer South, who went on short leave a week ago, returned from Manila, by Clipper, yesterday.

The marriage took place at the Registry yesterday of Mr. Mui Chan-ted, merchant, of No. 303, Des Voeux Road Central, and Miss Dolores Nip, of No. 20, Village Rd. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, who is spending the week-end at Fanning Lodge, will return to Government House on Monday. His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and Capt. R. E. T. St. John will be his guests at Fanning Lodge during the week-end.



Mr. Chung Hon-kee and his bride, formerly Miss Lo Shui-ying.—(King's Studio).

MAN WHO
LOST HIS
NERVE

London's millions, bombed nightly, have proved to the whole world that they can take it. But there are just a few whose nerves have been unequal to the strain. For them, a special medical service is provided.

Here is the first report by the doctors on the new war nerves.

A 39-year-old clerk who became a "veritable troglodyte" in the Underground to escape air raids has been receiving treatment in a London hospital.

He emerged from the Underground only to pawn his clothes, watch, and other articles in order to buy food.

His case is quoted in the British Medical Journal by Dr. George Pegge, psychiatrist to the Emergency Medical Service, as an example of one kind of air-raid neurosis noted by doctors since the intensive bombing of London began.

Dr. Pegge points out that recent cases of air-raid nerves contrast with those of a year ago.

Then the fear was largely of the unknown terrors of air raids that did not come. In a few cases it was actually stimulated by the stress.

Now, when Londoners had become accustomed to sirens, and many neurotics had left the capital, air-raid nerves were appearing among people who had been in actual danger—such as those knocked down by blast or caught in houses rocked or wrecked by high-explosive bombs.

Unlike the cases treated 12 months ago, they had experienced actual threat of injury and death.

The earlier type of nerves, where there was no real danger, claimed its victims from "a more highly educated intellectual, and responsible section of the population."

More recent cases included relapses among the war neurotics of 1914-18.

Dr. Pegge quotes as typical cases:—

1. A married woman, aged 35, who had lost a sister-in-law, killed in a raid the day before. She had been frightened in previous air raids in a badly bombed part of London, and was thrown off her feet when the news in which she lived was hit.

2. A 16-year-old girl, who was in a lorry when a bomb fell 30 yards away. She was brought to hospital unable to move or talk, though there were no physical injuries.

3. A 44-year-old air-raid warden who had been on night duty in a badly bombed area for a fortnight. During the daytime he carried on his usual job as a warehouseman, so lost much sleep. He collapsed at work.

During the last war he suffered from malaria and shell shock and was invalided out of the Army.

4. A 45-year-old widow who lived alone next to a house which received a direct hit. She had previously had no fear of air raids, but this experience left her shaken and inclined to burst into tears in a way foreign to her.

5. A 25-years-old ex-soldier recovering from the shock of seeing his brother killed by a shell in Belgium had a relapse during heavy raids.

A daring raid was carried out on Thursday night at Pat Heung Village, Au Tau, when six men, armed with revolvers and daggers, looted the village and took away \$200 in money and articles.

Four men were arrested on suspicion in Shatin yesterday in connection with a armed robbery which occurred on Thursday night in Sheng Tse Village, New Territories.



THE LEANING TOWER

Trade Unionist Supports
Compulsory Registration
Of Workers In Britain

"We are approaching a time when more plant will come into use and more and more labour will be required. There will be more men called up for service and this will make the task of finding labour for industry more acute," said MR. JOHN PRICE, a prominent Trade Unionist when he broadcast from London yesterday on the step which has been taken in Britain to register all workers in order to make the best available use of Britain's manpower.

Mr. Price said that the powers which the Government had taken were not different in principle from some of the measures that had been taken already.

JUST AND FAIR

The arguments against this move was that compulsion in labour could be carried too far and that when that happened it would do more harm than good.

Mr. Price then proceeded to examine the main features of this proposed legislation. One feature of it, he said, was that compulsion as far as industry was concerned was considered just and fair.

"If we have compulsion in the armed forces," said Mr. Price, "why should industry be free to pick and choose their jobs. None of the arguments against this measure are new. We had them in the last war and we have the experience of the last war to work upon."

"The main idea is to get industry running smoothly and speeded up. It therefore is not a question of compulsion, but how much compulsion there should be."

SURVEY TO BE MADE

Mr. Price said that a complete survey would have to be made and the Ministry of Labour was already going ahead with this work to find out the occupational and professional workers.

Mr. Price said that another step contemplated in this new measure was the employment of more women. There were a great many women who could do work at present done by men and relieve them for work in industry or in the services.

Referring to the steps being taken to make the best use possible of Britain's manpower, Mr. Price said that certain industries were considered to be national industries and their work was vital for the country. To ensure that this work would not be impeded, the right of dismissal of employees had been taken away from employers, except in the case of misconduct.

"If a man is not wanted in a particular place, this will have to be reported to the employment department who will find use for him elsewhere," said Mr. Price. "No one, therefore, will be allowed to leave without permission."

HELPING WAR EFFORT

"What can we learn from all this?" asked Mr. Price. "It means that the Government feels that by claiming the personal services of the worker, he could be made to assist in the national war effort."

Mr. Price went on to declare that after the war there would undoubtedly be arrangements by which workers in particular jobs could return to them if they wanted to do so.

The bill to deal with the whole question was now being discussed and it had been suggested that there should be a personal controller, who would have to take the responsibility of taking on and

dismissing workers and looking after their welfare.

INEFFICIENT MANAGEMENT

Another important feature of the measure was with reference to inefficient management. Where the Government felt that the management of any particular industry was not up to standard, such management would be replaced by the production department.

Many aspects of this measure were already in operation. There were factories which were already taken under control of new managements.

"These changes," said Mr. Price, "represent a very big step. The important thing to emphasise is that all these matters will apply only to the interests of the war effort. It is too early yet to say how it will all work out in detail and discussions will take place with those who will be directly affected. The Government's policy has been sketched out in a broad outline and it is for the Ministry of Labour to fill in the details."

Mr. Price said that he felt sure that there would be whole-hearted co-operation with the Government in building up such a labour force. Some people felt that the measures should have been put into force long ago, but now that the step has been taken the Government could rely on the goodwill of the employers' organisations and the Trade Unions.

JUDGMENT FOR
PLAINTIFF

Judgment for plaintiff was given by Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday when a claim for possession was brought by Chiu Fat-yan against Tsang Pan, principal tenant of No. 659, Shanghai Street, first floor.

Defendant was stated to have held a monthly tenancy which was terminated by notice to quit, expiring on Nov. 29, 1940. Plaintiff also claimed mesne profits of \$35 a month from Nov. 1 and costs.

Mr. D. B. Evans, representing plaintiff.

Revenue Officer Wong Chuen-fook, testified that the premises were raided on Oct. 22 and was found to be an opium den.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. A. A. Pand, manager of Messrs. W.S. Bailey and Company, Ltd., has reported the loss of \$138 worth of brass from the shipyard of the Company.

Bitten by a dog at No. 457, The Peak, Tang Kwong-sang, coolie, has been admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment. The animal, belonging to Mr. J. F. Macgregor, was taken for observation.

Lo Shan, residing at No. 154, Queen's Road Central, reports that while she was walking along Caine Road at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, somebody snatched her handbag containing \$27 away.

TWO MORE ITALIAN CABINET MINISTERS WANT COMMANDS

London Accords Honour To Late Gen. Metaxas

TWO MORE ITALIAN CABINET MEMBERS HAVE APPLIED TO BE GIVEN COMMANDS AT THE FRONT, states a London message. They are the MINISTER OF TRANSPORT and the MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE.

Only last week two Cabinet ministers were sent by Mussolini to take charge of Alpini detachments.

The London message adds that Italian tactics in ALBANIA have changed recently. They have launched fierce counter-attacks but these have been repulsed and, generally speaking, the Greeks have obtained small gains.

Army Of Nile Advancing To Apollonia

LONDON, Jan. 31 (BWS)—No doubt is felt in authoritative circles in London that Italian resistance at Derna, the capture of which was officially announced yesterday, has been stronger than any hitherto met by the Army of the Nile.

This is thought to be due to the fact that Italian troops there had not been involved in previous fighting and, therefore, not infected with the known lack of morale encountered at Bardia and Tobruk, and had also not been so heavily shelled as the troops defending those places.

The British advance continues along the coast to Apollonia, 40 miles away.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

In reference to the Eritrean campaign, emphasis is laid on the assistance to the British Army advancing on Agordat and Barentu by the Cape mechanical transport companies mentioned in yesterday's communiqué.

They have kept up a first class standard of maintenance and efficiency and the pursuit of Italians could not have been carried out without their excellent work.

They consisted of Europeans and non-Europeans raised shortly after the outbreak of war and are legitimate off-spring of the Cape Auxiliary Horse Transport Corps which did similar efficient work with horses in the last war.

On the Kenya front, British troops are close to Moyale where the Italians are making a stand.

WAR MOVING TOWARDS CLIMAX—STEED

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the problem of Hitler's intention remains as obscure as ever," continued Mr. Steed. "For eight days there was a lull in the attacks on Britain. Was this because he was gathering his forces for an attack on us by land and sea and air? We don't know—the balance goes to show that bad weather restricted all air activities to a minimum."

Mr. Steed next referred to South-East Europe from where, he said, a crop of rumours, some fantastic and others less so, have emanated.

CRUSHED REBELS

"There certainly have been disturbances amounting to civil war in Rumania where General Antonescu appears to have got the upper hand and to have crushed the rebels in the Iron Guards," said Mr. Steed.

"There are also reports of troubles in Italy and Signor Mussolini's son-in-law, Count Ciano, and others have been sent off to fight."

Mr. Steed then said that through all this news they have still not perceived a definite idea of Herr Hitler's intention and the German Fuehrer had failed to touch on this question in his recent speech.

"Apart from his general denunciation of the British Empire he said very little of interest," said Mr. Steed. "His speech struck me as being mainly an attempt to keep up the spirit of his people and to make them believe in the new order which he and Signor Mussolini are trying to set up in Europe."

ACCEPTED EMPIRE

Mr. Steed declared that Hitler had admitted the necessity of the British Empire to the world. He said before the war Hitler declared that he accepted the British

Empire and recognised its existence if Great Britain would leave Poland in the lurch, and give him a free hand in Europe.

"Now it seems that the British Empire must be destroyed and the United States is asked to leave us in the lurch," said Mr. Steed. "The answer to this had already come quickly with President Roosevelt's assurance to Lord Halifax of continued American assistance for Britain."

Mr. Steed said that this was also an answer to Mr. Matsuoaka, Japanese Foreign Minister, and to Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy.

Mr. Matsuoaka had stated emphatically that Japan must dominate the Western Pacific and that if the United States would not recognise this Japan's course would be to proceed with unshakeable resolve. If the United States took part in the war Japan's pact with Germany and Italy would come into play and Mr. Matsuoaka wished it to be known that Japan would not recede from playing her part.

PLENTY OF WORK

Admiral Raeder had said that victory was on the German side and that the mighty German fleet would carry the German flag and the German name across the sea, and that there would be plenty of work to be found in the new German naval bases overseas.

Admiral Raeder had meant by this that there would be no limit to German rule all over the world and that was a statement with which Mr. Matsuoaka might not agree.

"Mr. Matsuoaka's statement indicated Japan's definite line of policy," said Mr. Steed. "We know Mr. Matsuoaka and we know that the policy he declared was the

Hitler Gets Quick Answer

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"It looks as if there is nothing he can do to help the Italian Empire from falling out now," said Mr. Lakin, who then went on to detail briefly the latest successes scored against the Italians in Africa and in Albania.

WHAT CAN HE DO?

"What is Herr Hitler doing about it? What can he do about it?" asked Mr. Lakin. "He must do something, because as Mr. Hearst, the American newspaper magnate put it, Herr Hitler is inextricably involved in Signor Mussolini's disasters. If Signor Mussolini eats green apples, Herr Hitler gets the stomach-ache!"

Mr. Lakin then quoted a passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which the latter said: 'Signor Mussolini accepts my hand as a hand-shake of honour'.

"Heaven, help him," said Mr. Lakin. "Herr Hitler may be formidable as an enemy, but as a friend he is fatal. Already Italy is reaching the position of another partner in the Axis—Rumania, whose existence as a free state has been strangled by Germany."

U. S. ANSWER

Mr. Lakin declared that Herr Hitler had also had a swift answer from the United States to his threats against that country.

Within three hours of his threats, President Roosevelt released the full text of the pledge he made to Britain's Ambassador, Lord Halifax, in which he expressed his full determination to continue on an ever-increasing scale American assistance to Britain.

"Almost at the same time as the German Fuehrer was declaring in Berlin," said Mr. Lakin, "Mr. Roosevelt's 'Lend and Lease' Bill passed its first road test when it was approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives."

Mr. Lakin quoted several other statements by prominent Americans who supported this attitude, such as Col. Knox, who had stated that he would rather die fighting Herr Hitler than to live under his

rule. There was Mr. Sumner Welles who had stated that Herr Hitler's so-called 'New Order' would merely be a return to the stone-age, with civilisation returned to barbarism. There was also a statement by Senator Glass who supported sending goods to Britain in American ships and who wound up with the words "To hell with Herr Hitler. I would rather be a corpse than a poltroon."

BRITAIN UNPERTURBED

"If this goes on much longer, Herr Hitler will be calling the United States the most backward country in that continent," said Mr. Lakin.

"We in Britain take little notice of his jeers and sneers and abuse of us. His threats of increased submarine attacks and intensified war against our shipping may be real enough, but we are confident of being able to meet them as successfully as we have done in the past."

"If he is as confident as he wishes to make his people believe he is, why all these threats not only against the United States but also against the smaller states in Europe who refuse to succumb to the delights of his 'New Order'?"

Mr. Lakin turned to Herr Hitler's attitude towards France and referred to the latest demands which had been made on Vichy by the German-controlled Paris press.

Herr Hitler wanted France to co-operate with him by giving him a foothold in North Africa and a refusal might mean the use of force against France to take Tunis from her and to establish M. Laval as the head of a rival Government in Paris.

"There are many disadvantages from the German point of view for taking these steps," said Mr. Lakin, "and things would be much simpler if Herr Hitler could get what he wants in North Africa with the consent of Vichy. Vichy, however, will not fall for this great piece of bluff and intimidation."

237 LOCAL AIR SQUADRONS

It was announced yesterday, according to a London message, that 237 local air squadrons had already been formed in the North-West of England.

Of these 200 are squadrons from the Cadet Defence Training Corps. The number of boys enrolled runs into thousands and the authorities have only just been able to cope with the rush.

Over 4,000 applications have been received from people who want to act as instructors and demonstrators.

Starting at scratch A. K. Rumm and Miss J. Anderson were defeated by D. M. Xavier and Miss L. Foster (-8) in the Mixed Doubles Handicap championship of the Victoria Recreation Club badminton tournament.

WHY INVASION ATTEMPT MIGHT BE ABANDONED

According to a message from Saigon, a British military authority in the United States has expressed the view that Germany's attempt to invade Britain might have to be abandoned owing to the fact Germany will be obliged to help Italy on a large scale, with consequent involvement in the Balkans.

It was added that engineers are constructing aerodromes in Bulgaria and that there were over ten divisions of German troops now in Rumania.

SEQUEL TO AIR CRASH TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Mr. A. W. Hay delivered judgment in the Ipoh Police Court in the case in which Capt. G. A. Bentinck appeared on two summonses charges in connexion with the fatal air crash at the Ipoh aerodrome on Aug. 20, when a plane he piloted crashed into a group of volunteers in the course of tactical training. Three lives were lost.

The first charge of negligence in connexion with the death of Mr. M. P. Croxford was withdrawn. The second charge was that he flew the plane in such a manner as to cause unnecessary danger to persons on land. Bentinck pleaded

policy which Japan began in 1931 by attacking China."

Mr. Steed said that an earlier manifestation of this policy appeared in 1915 when Japan had presented 21 demands in Peking—demands which would have resulted in a complete Japanese protectorate over China. Less well-known, however, was the fact that in 1915 when Japan was an ally of Britain, against Germany, she did her best to stir up a revolt against Britain in India.

GONE TOO FAR

"Now Japan has gone too far to retreat," said Mr. Steed. "She has entered into an alliance with Berlin and Rome, and is staking everything upon the defeat of Great Britain by Germany. I think she will be disappointed and will lose the gamble on which Mr. Matsuoaka is prepared to stake the fate of his country."

guilty to the second charge. In the course of his judgment on the second charge, Mr. Hay said that there was no factual evidence as to the cause of the accident.

It was fairly certain that the accident would not have happened if the plane had been kept at a considerable height, say 1,000 feet, but there was evidence that the defendant had reason to believe that he was required to fly lower than this as he had done on previous occasions.

UNABLE TO RECOVER

In the event, he over-reached himself, and put the plane in a position from which he was unable to recover when his normal course was upset by a miscalculation or by an irregularity of air pressure.

"Bearing in mind that defendant has not been prosecuted and still less has pleaded guilty to an offence under section 304A of the Penal Code, I consider that a substantial fine will meet the case, and I fine defendant \$500 and in default sentence him to six months' imprisonment," his Worship said. "I further order that the notes of evidence in the Coroner's inquiry

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CLARIFICATION SOUGHT

Bulgaria And Neutrality

Fifteen Deputies of the Bulgarian Parliament, fully representative of the opposition with the exception of the Fascist group, have presented a lengthy questionnaire seeking clarification of the Government's policy, states a London message.

The Deputies want to know what steps the Cabinet has taken to safeguard Bulgarian neutrality against foreign invasion and what the Bulgarian attitude is towards the Russian offer of a pact for mutual assistance.

It was added that the example of Nazi rule in Rumania had done more harm to Nazi influence in Bulgaria than anything else in Germany's plans for South-East Europe.

ROBOT CUTS COAL

Four coalcutters, built by a Scottish firm, have just been shipped to Chile to join the 17 already at work there. These machines, the most powerful of their kind, carry a chain armed with picks which can cut not only coal, but harder material, including some building stone.

The endurance of the machines, which are at work in all the coalfields of the world, can be gauged by the fact that one such machine has for a whole year been cutting 320 yards of coal in every working day of six and a half hours.

Another, after cutting 18,000 tons in a seam three feet six inches high, was brought out for overhaul. It was sent back into the pit without the need for a penny's outlay on replacement costs.

Why Gestapo Chief Is In Norway

The purpose of the visit of Herr Himmler, the Nazi Gestapo chief, to Norway is the creation of troops similar to the Storm Troopers, states a London message, which adds that Himmler is accompanied by several notorious personalities.

A sign that Germany is not having everything her own way in Norway is seen in an order by the Quisling Minister of Police that three uniformed policemen must attend each cinema performance to stop frequent anti-German demonstrations.

Among other things the Police must stop laughter and applause in absurd places, stamping, whistling, coughing and the making of impolite noises.

Railway Snow-Plough Snowed Up

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter)—A railway snow-plough, which had been sent to clear the north of Aberdeen, became snowed up itself during the recent winter weather. It is revealed today.

On a single day, the London Midlands-Scottish Railway had 250 snow-ploughs in use on various parts of the system and there were 21 cases reported of lines blocked by snow.

SPEEDY CLEARANCES

In most cases, clearances were speedily effected but on the lonely stretch line in Yorkshire, a freight train was struck deep in drifts for several days.

An express to North Scotland had to turn back at Helmsdale (Sutherland) and a restaurant car had to be despatched from Inverness, 100 miles away, as a special train to provide food for the marooned passengers and train crew.

SHORTAGE OF INDIAN LABOUR LIKELY

"The ban on the emigration of assisted Indian labour to Malaya is still in force. The shortage of labour, though felt in some estates, is not yet acute, as the increased quota has coincided with the wintering period when some estates rest their trees, but with the close of the wintering period the demand for further labour may make itself felt. In the meantime, in spite of various appeals the wages of Indian labour on the estates generally marked no increase, while the cost of living has increased considerably."

Thus writes the Council of the Central Indian Association of Malaya in its fourth annual report to be presented at the general meeting of the Association to be held on Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Selangor Indian Association premises, Kuala Lumpur.

The report adds, "The Association wishes to record with pride the fact that among Indian labourers themselves there are definite and unmistakable signs of conscientiousness and a desire for a corporate existence."

"In some instances labourers are known to have formed associations for themselves or to have joined existing Indian associations."

"It is to be regretted that in some instances non-labouring employees of estates do not look upon such associations with favour and in some cases have been known actively to discourage them."

The Association has a member ship of 72 and requests Indian associations to recommend the full quota of ten members each and thereby increase the revenue of the Association.

The response to the recent appeal for support to the scheme of an Indian high school has been very encouraging.

The Association's requests to Indian universities have resulted in the Mysore, Benares, Osmania, Travancore and Punjab universities agreeing to admission of students from Malaya with some concessions.

The report adds:

LEASE AND LEND BILL

No Concessions To Isolationists

The Lease and Lend Bill has passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives with only minor amendments, and the Senate Committee is now hearing evidence on the Bill after which it will go to the House for debate, states a London message.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says that the amendments were chiefly designed to meet the chief objection to the Bill, that of giving President Roosevelt too much power.

The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN says: "No concessions have been made to the isolationists or to what the Axis Powers may choose to think."

Official circles in Washington are of the opinion that the amendments offer no impediment to the extending of all possible aid to Britain.

"On complaints received as to the alleged discrimination against Indian students regarding admission and granting of scholarships in the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore, this Association took the matter up with the Principal who has assured the Association that no such discrimination has been made. It was, however, admitted that the statistics hitherto issued by the College were not quite correct and the Principal agreed to exclude hereafter non-Indians from the figures given of Indians."

"Leaflets on temperance propaganda ordered from India have at last arrived and they were submitted to the Press Censor for permission for circulation. Five varieties were received and four of them have been passed by the Censor. The fifth is still the subject of correspondence and it is hoped that permission will be granted soon to release this pamphlet also."

Referring to shipping between Madras coast ports and Malaya the report says:

"Although in the present disturbed circumstances, a curtailment and even a temporary shortage of normal shipping facilities was to be expected, the Indian public of Malaya were not prepared for the continued stoppage of the Madras Service which happened about July this year and lasted for some months. This resulted in various inconveniences and dislocations. The matter was taken up with the Agents and a fairly satisfactory service has since been in operation."

CANDLEMAS: END OF HEROIC LIFE: DESTRUCTION OF CHURCHES

Marina House, 3rd Floor,
5-19, Queen's Road Central.

HESSIAN DISPLACES IMPORTED PLYWOOD

A new method of packing rubber for export to foreign countries is fast gaining popularity in Malaya. Before the outbreak of war, it was usual for rubber to be exported in plywood cases. The new method is to export it by the bale packed in Hessian cloth.

This was revealed by a leading plywood-dealer in the course of an interview in connexion with the cable report that "large quantities of rubber deliveries to America had been rejected owing to damaged packing." This report alleged that an inferior quality of Malayan and Japanese wood was being used for rubber cases.

Malayan Collieries, Ltd., of Kuala Lumpur, practically the sole Malayan manufacturers in the past eight years of plywood chests made of Malayan wood, however have received no complaints from users justifying the implication that Malayan wood is, in any way, inferior to the Finnish product.

The Company's product is claimed to be capable of withstanding just as much rough handling as the Finnish, under similar conditions.

AFFECTED BY WAR.

This merchant contended that the plywood trade had definitely been affected by the war. Prices, he said, had naturally sky-rocketed and many rubber exporters had found it uneconomical to use

plywood cases for the export of their produce.

Besides the scanty supplies of Malayan wood, he added, this country used to import large quantities of plywood from Finland and other countries before the war. At present, however, Finland had been supplanted by Canada and Shanghai and, in this merchant's opinion, the wood obtained at present could not beat what Finland used to supply before the war.

In pre-war days plywood sufficient to encase 224 pounds of rubber used to cost about 50 to 60 cents, but at present the cost is "almost five times that amount." Exporters are, therefore, finding it most uneconomical to use plywood cases to export their rubber and instead have reverted to the cheaper method of exporting their rubber by the bales in Hessian cloth, though many exporters still use Malayan plywood.

Plywood is still extensively used to export imported tea from Singapore to French and Dutch ports.—(Malaya Tribune).

RUSSIA WILL NOT SIT IDLY BY IF NAZIS TAKE BALKANS

Russia, a close friend of Turkey, will not sit idly by if Germany should overrun the Balkans and thus gain control over the Dardanelles, which Russia has striven for years to keep open for her trade, according to Graham Ringer, American newspaperman and writer, who recently visited Manila, according to the Manila Bulletin.

Speaking from the vantage point of ten years of coverage of the European and Balkan newsfront, Ringer believes there is a strong probability the present worldwide war will involve some more of the countries which are now still neutral before the year is over. Indications point to the possibility of involvement of one of the two Balkan countries which are not yet in the war, he said.

After staying in Europe ten years and three years in the Balkans, sending stories and photographs to newspapers in South America and in Europe, including Paris, Soir, El Mundo in Buenos Aires, and the New York Globe, he decided to come to the Far East to look at conditions here. He came by way of India and Burma, from where he proceeded to Hongkong.

INDIA'S PART

Irrespective of the present agitation for home rule in India and the refusal of some elements to give active assistance to Britain in the present war, India will fight to the end with the mother country, he declared. All Indians are in favour of having India serve as a base for Britain, all subscribe generously to the war fund, according to him.

In Burma he found that Japanese elements were stirring up trouble among the natives, inciting the people to a movement designed to lead to "Burma for the Burmese." The Japanese are meeting with little success notwithstanding great expenditure, he stated, as one look at what was going on in China convinced the Burmese that the aims of the movement would not be attained.

During his stay in Manila, Ringer looked over political, economic and social conditions with a view to writing on present conditions in the Orient.

SOVIET-JAPANESE FISHERIES PACT

TOKYO, Jan. 31 (Reuters).—Soviet Russia has agreed to resume negotiations for the conclusion of the commercial agreement with Japan, besides undertaking to discuss a permanent Soviet-Japanese Fisheries Treaty. It was revealed at a Press conference.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 30 (Reuters). Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £257-1/4. Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £257-3/8. Little incentive purchase meet immediate requirements. After trading hours, 15 tons of 3-months were sold at £257-1/2.

Finance and Commerce

PENSION BILL PASSED

WARM TRIBUTE TO GEN. HERTZOG

CAPETOWN, Jan. 31 (Reuters).—The Bill granting Gen. Hertzog, the former Premier, an annual pension of £2,000 was passed in the all-States Assembly.

The Prime Minister, Gen. Smuts, said the pension was intended not as a favour but as an honour for a man who has led his country through some of its most troublesome days.

In tribute to General Hertzog's sincerity and determination to do his best for his people, Gen. Smuts expressed the hope that Gen. Hertzog would continue to serve the country and that the Hertzog tradition, which has kept the public life of the Union free from corruption, would remain a tradition of South Africa.

EIRE GOVERNMENT TO RATION TEA

DUBLIN, Jan. 31 (Reuters).—The Eire Government has decided to ration tea, announced Mr. Eamon de Valera in a broadcast. "Total blockade, if the war lasts, will cause us much suffering but we need not give way to pressure," he urged the farmers to grow more foodstuffs, including roots for cattle feeding.

\$150 MILLION PLANT TO HELP ALLIED CAUSE

After an extended business trip in India, Ceylon, Burma, and recently Malaya, Mr. Dewey-Smith, head of the Studebaker Export Corporation, U.S.A., has left for Java.

In an exclusive interview with a Malaya Tribune representative just before he left, he said he had just received advice from America that the authorities there, in co-operation with the Allied authorities and the Studebaker Corporation, were now erecting a plant valued at US\$150,000,000 to build supplies necessary "for our common cause today."

"As far as possible," he said, "this will not affect our regular production of cars and trucks which is now proceeding at the rate of approximately 800 units per day. We are giving domestic and export deliveries on schedule. Some export shipments are delayed due to insufficient shipping, but these delays have not been serious," he added.

"PARTNERSHIP"

A Reuters message from Los Angeles on Jan. 11, it will be recalled, stated that "a partnership between the big American motor car corporations and the aviation industry for producing planes for national defence has been arrived at."

Mr. Dewey-Smith told me that the Studebaker Corporation had just erected an assembling plant at Okha Port, India, for the assembling of cars and trucks. Plant had also been placed at the disposal of the Government of India for building truck bodies "or anything else" desired by them.

SINO-BRITISH CO-OPERATIVE CORPORATION

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 (Reuters).—The British Co-operatives Association and British-China Campaign Committee, after two conferences, have decided to establish in London a Sino-British Co-operatives Development Corporation, aiming at securing British financial and material assistance for China and purchase of materials for Chinese industrial co-operatives, and will, at the same time sell in England products of Chinese industrial co-operatives. Shares are reported to be limited to £1 per person.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER. London, Jan. 30 (Reuters). Silver—Little speculative buying. Business small. Market quiet but steady. In the afternoon, the market was quiet with no business. Spot, 23-1/4d. Forward, 23-1/4d.

BOMBAY SILVER. Bombay, Jan. 30 (Reuters). Market—Steady. Offered 20 bars. Indian Mint Silver. Ready 63-03. Feb. 21 Settlement 63-02. Mar. 25 Settlement 62-12.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Buyer	Seller	Bales	Nominal	FRIDAY 31 JAN.	Buyer	Seller	Bales	Nominal
Banks								
...	H.K. Banks	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	...
...	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	...
...	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	...
...	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	...
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	...
Insurance								
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	...
Shipping								
...	Douglases	...	...	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...	...
...	Waterboats	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
...	H.K. & E. Wharves	...	...	...	...
...	Providence	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
Mining								
...	Kailans	...	...	...	...
...	Rams	...	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings								
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	...
...	Hampshire	...	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	G'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Zhong Sing (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Trans (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Peak Trans (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	Y'mati Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	...
...	H. K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	H. K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	...
...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
Industrials								
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S	...	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S	...	...	...	...
...	Canton Iron	...	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% " (1924)	...	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% " (1940)	...	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	...
...	Sincere	...	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S. Bds	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	...
...	Shai Wing On	...	...	...	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...	...
...	Maraman Inv. (Lon)
...	Maraman Inv. (H.K.)
...	Wm. Fowells
...	China Lights (Rights)
...	1 Sale to Shanghai



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WEEKLY RETURNS AND REPORTS

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Jan. 30 (Reuters).	Jan. 23 (000's Omitted)	Jan. 30
Public Deposits	35,310	32,370
Other Deposits:		
Bankers	95,130	107,880
Other Accounts	52,510	53,010
Total	147,950	160,890
Government Securities	142,980	149,950
Other Securities:		
Discounts and Advances	3,840	3,820
Securities	21,410	25,460
Total	25,250	20,280
Notes and Coins	32,680	32,010
Total Bullion	1,110	1,720
Notes in circulation	598,430	599,300
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	17.88%	18.56%
Price of Gold at which holdings are valued	168/-	168/-

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (Reuters).	Jan. 25 (1940)	Jan. 23	Jan. 30
Bills Bought			
U.S. Securities held	2,477,000	2,184,000	2,184,000
Federal Reserve Ratio	87.49%	91.00%	91.11%
Federal Reserve Credit Outstanding	2,514,000	2,258,000	2,228,000
Monetary Gold Stocks	17,879,000	22,089,000	22,110,000
Industrial Advances	10,911,000	7,500,000	7,871,000

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 31, 1941.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8
Credits 4 months sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 430
On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—
On demand 1 1/2
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/8
On demand 1/2 1/8

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 9/16
Credits 60 days sight 24 5/16

On Batavia:—
On demand 14 1/8

On Manila:—
On demand 47 1/8

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/4

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Friday, Jan. 31.
The price for Ready Silver was quoted at 23 1/4 and Forward was also quoted at the same rate. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet.
STERLING
No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 January/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was arranged early in the morning at 23 15/16 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 7/8 for Cash, buyers at 23 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged early in the morning at 443 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 442, buyers at 443.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3.25/64. Subsequently the rate receded to 3.3/8 and at the close sellers were again quoted at 3.5/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.13/32. Later the market eased off slightly to 5.3/8 and at the close there were sellers at 5.13/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was dull in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 15/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was done at 441. Closed with sellers at 440 1/2, buyers at 441.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3.25/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5.13/32, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 31 (Reuter)

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-5/16	5-1/4
New York	22-1/4	22-1/4
Japan	18-3/4	18-3/4
India	nominal	22
Paris	nominal	22
Hongkong	22	

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-25/64	0/3-25/64
Jan.	0/3-25/64	0/3-25/64
Feb.	0/3-25/64	0/3-3/8

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-13/32	\$5-13/32
Jan.	5-13/32	5-13/32
Feb.	5-3/8	5-3/8

Market

Very quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/20.
The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Jan. 30 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, January 30, 1941

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.38	10.33	10.31	10.35	.04 up
New York Rubber, March	19.80	19.72	19.61b	19.80	.19 up
Chicago Wheat, May	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	off
Chicago Corn, May	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	off
New York Hides, March	12.61	12.42	12.60	12.60	.06 off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.31/31	10.33/33	10.35/36	.04 up
May	10.33/34	10.34/34	10.38/38	.03 up
July	10.20/20	10.19/20	10.23 N	.03 up
October	9.88/88	9.89/89	9.72/73	.04 up
December	8.64/64	8.66/68	8.68/68	.04 up
January (1942)	8.61/61	8.62/62	8.64 N	.03 up
Spot	10.80		10.88	.06 up

Total sales Wednesday—90,900 bales.
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.61b/64a	19.60b/80a	19.80/80	.19 up
May	19.50/50	19.52/52	19.65/65	.15 up
July (New contract)	19.40 N	19.38b/50a	19.55 N	.15 up
September ()	19.30 N	19.35/35	19.45 N	.15 up

Total sales—800 tons

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	off
July	77 1/2/77 1/2	77 1/2/77 1/2	78 1/2/78 1/2	off
September	77 1/2/77 1/2		78 1/2/78 1/2	off

Wednesday's sales—12,823,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	off
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	61 1/2/62 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	off
September	62 1/2/62 1/2		61 1/2/61 1/2	off

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.66/68	12.53/59	12.60/60	.06 off
June	12.40/42	12.25/30	12.27b/29a	.13 off

Total sales for the day—138 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	4.98 N	4.98/98	4.97 N	.01 off
May	5.06 N	5.05b/08a	5.03 N	.03 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	1.99b/2.00a		1.99b/2.00a	unch.
May	2.04b/05a		2.05b/06a	.01 up

Volume of business done—587 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	73b/74a	72b/75a	73b/74a	.00 off
May	76b/77a	76b/78a	76b/77a	unch.

Volume of business done—32 lots

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	11.40b/45a	11.38b/55a	11.40 N	unch.
July	11.35/35	11.28b/40a	11.35 N	unch.
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 30.

Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/7 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry.	13 1/2
Great Western Ry.	34-3/4
National Bank of India	31-1/2
B.A. Tob (beaver)	93/9
Dunlop Rubber	33/9
Bristol Aeroplane	10/11
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29/10 1/2
United Steel	22/10 1/2
Woolworths	56/3
Marsman Investments	7/6
Western Holdings	10/3
sub-Nigel	150/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	43/9
(beaver)	43/9
*-bid.	
*-ex. div.	

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan. 30 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Jan. 31 (Reuter).
Loans on securities to brokers' in New York:—
Wk.-ended WK-ended WK-ended
25/1/40 23/1/41 30/1/41
\$487,000,000 \$328,000,000 \$321,000,000

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Sterling

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JANUARY 31, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 30	STOCKS	Last Sale Jan. 30
Adams Express	6	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Loft Incorporated	16 1/2
Allis Chalmers	32 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	71 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	27 1/2
Amer. Can.	88	McKesson & Robbins, pf.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	33	Montgomery Ward	35 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	15 1/2	Metall City Copper Co.	3
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	16 1/2	National Aviation	9 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18	National Distillers	21 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	16 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	39	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Tobacco "B"	71 1/2	N. American Aviation	15 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	North American Co.	16
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2	Packard Motors	3
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	13 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	5/32
Bethlehem Steel	81 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	36 1/2
Bliss & Co.	17	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	16 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd M'facturing Corp.	4 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	5 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	50	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44
Case, J.I.	25	Republic Aviation Corp.	44
Celanese	41 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Revere Corp.	9 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	64 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Safeway Stores	39 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	3	Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
Consolidated Edison	22	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Continental Oil	18	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	22
Copperweld Steel	16	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Standard Brands	6
Curtiss Wright "A"	27	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	70 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	91	Studebaker Com.	18 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	15 1/2	Swift International	9 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2	Technicolor	37
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2	Texas Corp.	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	54 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	29 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	63 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	63 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	30 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	65 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	80
Gen. Motors	43	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	14	United Airlines Trans.	14
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp.	14
Gillette Co.	12 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	26
Goodrich (B.F.)	42 1/2	United Gas Corp.	4
Goodrich \$5 pf.	62 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24
Great Northern Iron Ore	14	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	87 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Smelting	60
Great Western Sugar	21	U.S. Steel	62 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	Vanadium	28 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70	Vultee Aircraft	6 1/2
Homestake Mining	50 1/2	Walworth Co.	5
Int Nickel	12 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	21	Westinghouse Elec.	95 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	57	Woodward Iron Cor.	29 1/2
Johnsman	31 1/2	Chase National Bank	30 1/2
Kerr-McCormick Copper	35	National City Bank	26 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	35		
Lockheed Aircraft	24		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	Jan. 29	Jan. 31, 1941	Change
High	162.80	111.84	128.00	161.16
Low	111.84	30	128.00	128.00
Industrials	32.67	22.16	28.14	28.17
Rails	26.45	18.03	20	20
Utilities	92.19	83.08	95.83	95.83
Bonds	64.07	48.47	55.82	55.82
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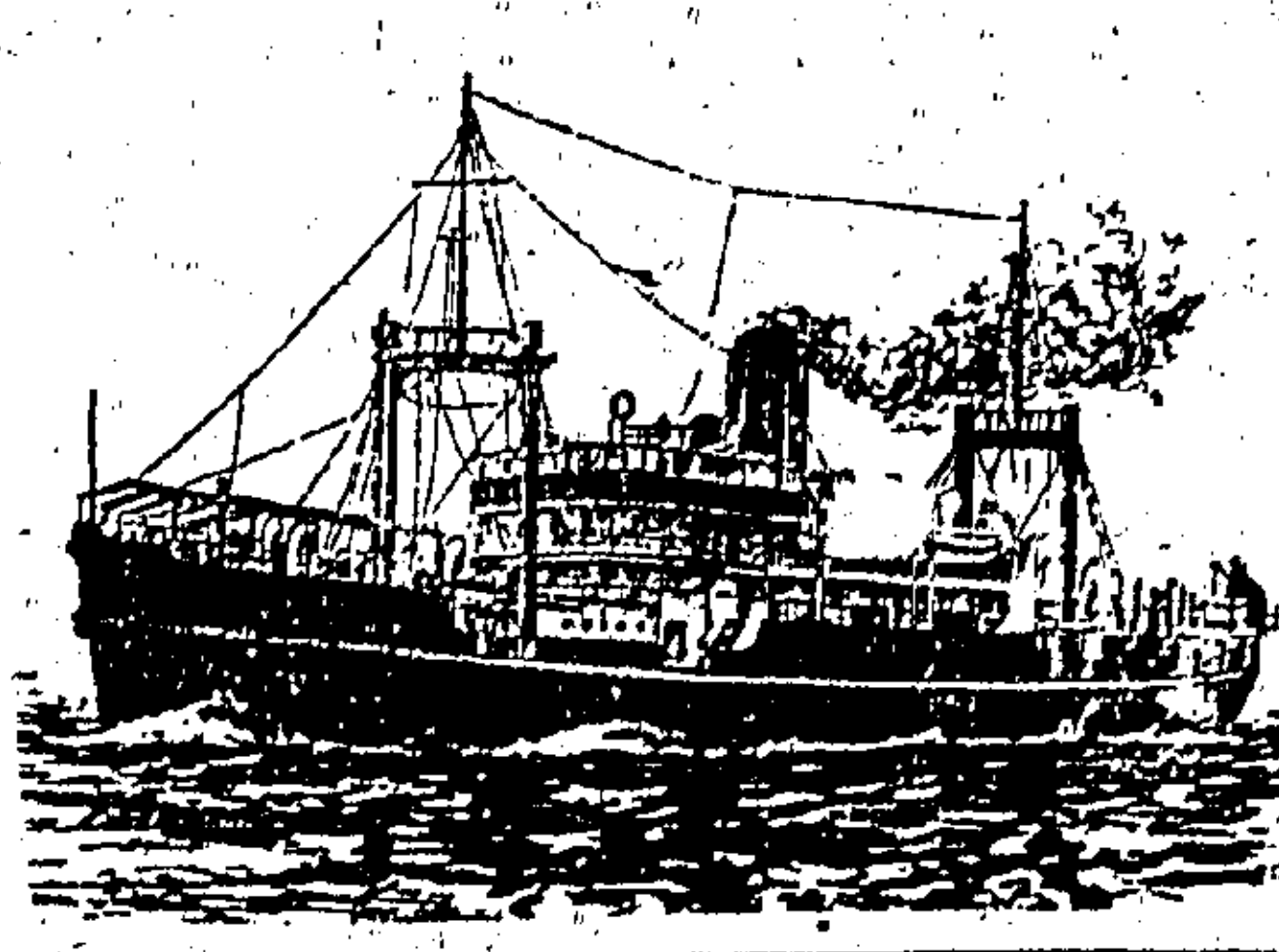
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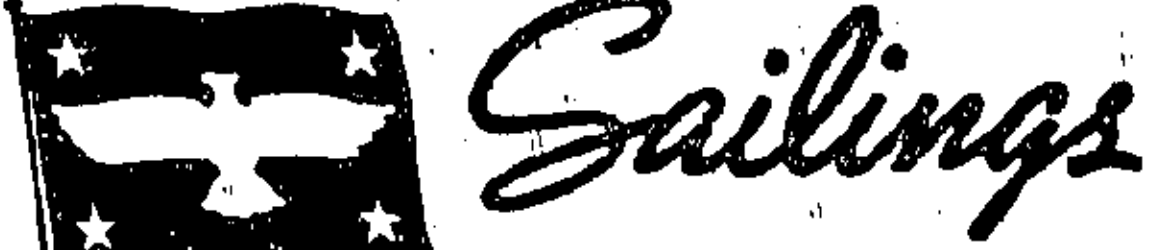
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HIKAWA MARU Sunday, 9th Feb.

SOUTH AMERICA (WEST COAST) via Hilo & San Francisco.

HEIYO MARU (starts from Kobe) Sunday, 2nd Feb.

NEW YORK via Japan & Panama

* NOZIMA MARU Sunday, 2nd Feb.

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HUSIMI MARU Wednesday, 26th Feb.

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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

* LISBON MARU Tuesday, 11th Feb.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

* TURUGA MARU Friday, 7th Feb.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA

* LIMA MARU Thursday, 6th Feb.

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ATUTA MARU Monday, 3rd Mar.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

Continued from Page 3

—Manila: Pobre Francisca—Bernardo Alemany and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Rock Island Flag Stop; When Buddha Smiles—The Casa Loma Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Confetti on the Pavement; Waltz—When Shall We Two Meet Again—Mantovani and His Orch.

12.00 midnight. Close down.

TOMORROW

BRAMMS SYMPHONY NO. 1
IN C MINOR, OP. 68

Schubert Duo

10.30—11.30 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from the Union Church.

12.15 p.m. Schubert—Duo For Piano and Violin in A Major, Op. 102.

1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Scherzo-Presto and Trio; 3rd Mov. Andantino; 4th Mov. Allegro vivace—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).

12.35 Schubert Songs.

To Sylvia—Henry Schussus (Bartone) with Piano. Serenade—The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark—Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano acc.

12.45 Max Bruch—Kol Nidrei, Op. 47.

Pau Casals (Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

The Great Waltz—Selection. Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite'—Tchaikovsky); Sleeping Beauty Waltz (Tchaikovsky).

1.15 The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Entrance of the Little Fauns (from 'Cydalis'—Pierri); Mosquito Dance (White); Thunder and Lightning—Polka, Op. 324 (Joh. Strauss). Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 (Joh. Strauss).

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Beethoven. Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67—1st Mov. Allegro con brio; 2nd Mov. Andante con moto; 3rd Mov. Allegro (Scherzo); 4th Mov. Allegro (Finale)—Royal Albert Hall Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald. With a Coloured Ribbon, Op. 83, No. 3: The Flies of Pensive Melancholy, Op. 83, No. 1—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano acc. Scherzo (Vivace) (from Quartet in F Major, Op. 135)—N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

2.30. Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Nelson Eddy (Baritone) singing Amy Woodforde-Hinden's "The Four Indian Love Lyrics."

No. 1 Temple Bells, No. 2 Less Than the Dust, No. 3 Kashmiri Song, No. 4 Till I Wake.

7.45 Chopin—Grand Studies, Op. 10.

Kilenny (Piano).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Scariatti—The Good Humour of Ladies' Ballet.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

8.21 Two Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).

The Devout Lover (Pollock and White); So Well Go No More A-Roving (Byron and White).

8.30 Tartin—Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill").

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Arthur Balsam at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Brahms—Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68.

1st Mov. Un poco sostenuto—Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante sostenuto; 3rd Mov. Un poco Allegretto e grazioso; 4th Mov. Adagio-Piu Andante—Allegro non troppo ma con brio—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

10.35 Close down.

BRITAIN'S RULE OVER INLAND SEA IS UNQUESTIONED

Britain's domination of the eastern Mediterranean, for the moment at least, appears to be almost unquestioned, writes Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling in the Manila Bulletin.

The British continue to range the vital sea almost at will, and even claim to have penetrated the narrow Adriatic through the strategic Straits of Otranto.

So far, however, the British ships, enabling the British closer to observe Italian ports.

STRAITS OF SICILY
The Straits of Sicily with the fortified island of Pantelleria, together with the submarine and airfields of Sicily, still are an obstacle for the British in moving naval forces from the eastern to the western Mediterranean. If the Italian fleet is now principally in the western Mediterranean, we may soon expect to hear of operations by a large number of British warships.

At present, however, the important objective is to prevent the Italians from reinforcing their army in Albania and that problem will be given first attention by the British fleet. The Italian navy in the western Mediterranean will be kept under observation and not attacked unless it ventures from its bases and unduly threatens to lift the blockade between Italy and Libya.

KNOW BRITISH METHODS
What is Mussolini doing with his 150 destroyers and his 100 submarines, to say nothing of his 5,000 airplanes?

Why does the Italian navy refuse to meet the British fleet in action?

It must be remembered that before Italy learned to build modern warships Britain built them for her. The Italian navy is patterned after the Royal Navy in its organization and in its tactical training. The Italian personnel therefore knows only too well the dashing methods of the British which they have been unable so far to emulate.

GERMAN HELP
Because of the Italian reverses in Africa and Albania, Italy has agreed to accept German help "in the technical field." Thus the Germans may take over strategic positions from which to control the Italian conduct of war including its naval and air phases.

German warplanes are already operating in Albania, according to reports.

German supervision probably would result in more effective action by the Italians.

BLOCKADE FIRST OBJECTIVE
The western Mediterranean has been very quiet lately. (The British fleet in that part of the sea has no doubt been considerably reduced since Admiral Cunningham got the situation in hand, and has by his active sea operations in their ports.)

The whole of the Greek islands are now available to British warships.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Brahms—Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68.

1st Mov. Un poco sostenuto—Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante sostenuto; 3rd Mov. Un poco Allegretto e grazioso; 4th Mov. Adagio-Piu Andante—Allegro non troppo ma con brio—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

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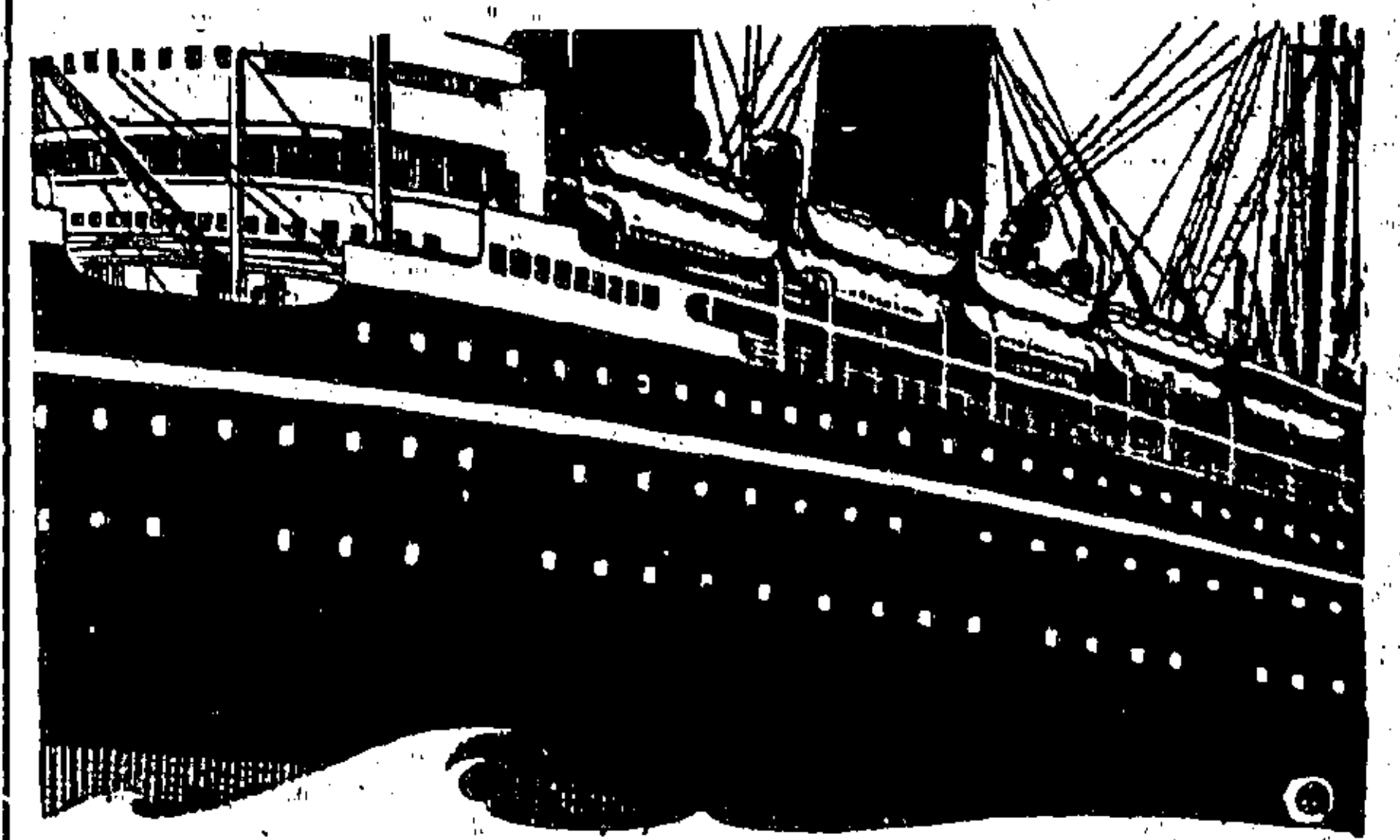
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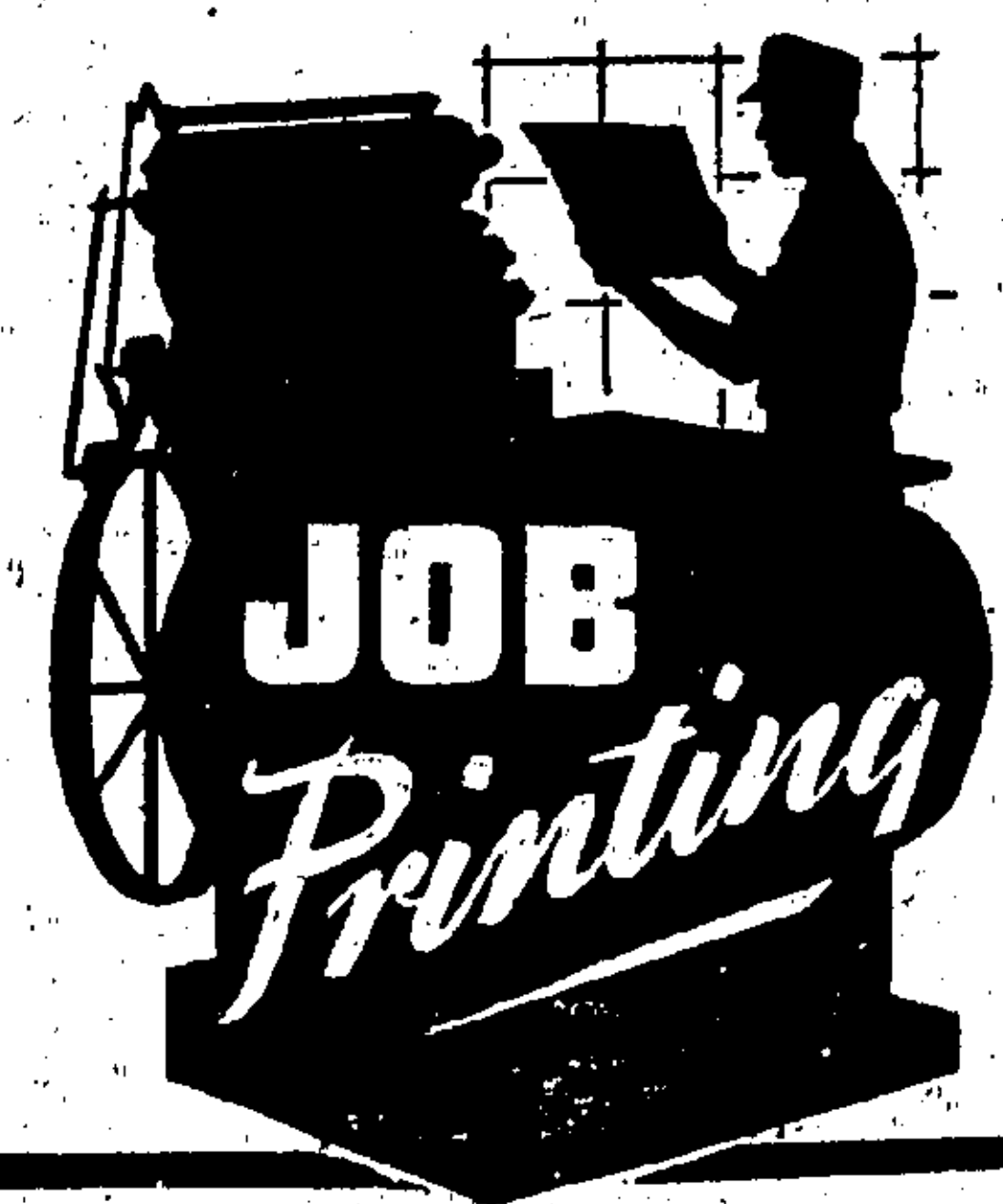
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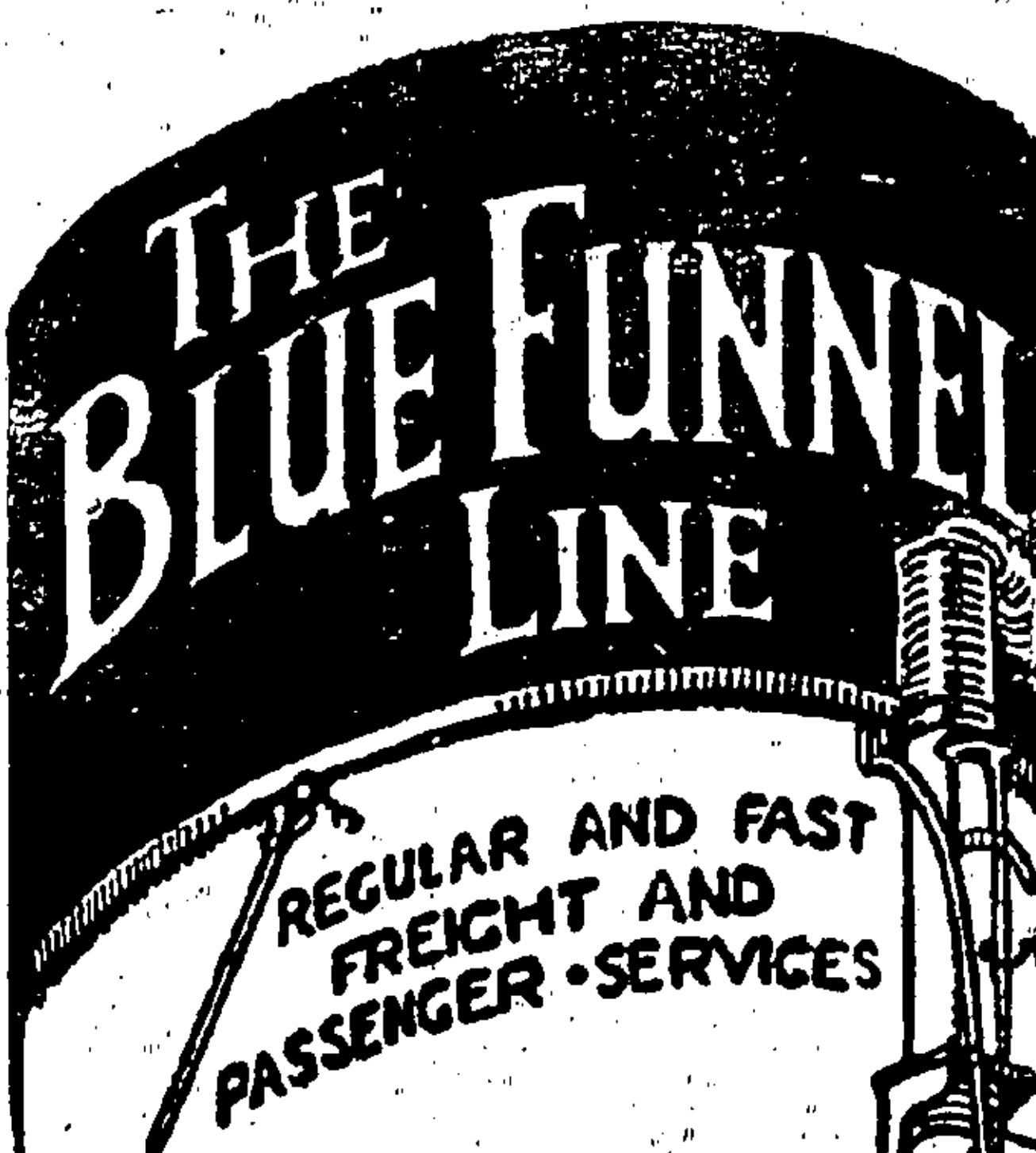
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Ningshia Progressing In Education

Considerable progress has been made in education in Ningshia Province during the past two years. According to statistics for 1939, there were only 228 primary schools in the entire province, but in 1940, 49 junior high schools were established and the number of primary schools was increased to 387, making a total of 849 classes. To further advance education in the province, the Ningshia authorities are mapping out a comprehensive programme for the establishment of more schools in the present year.

To increase agricultural production in the province, the Land Bureau of Ningshia has decided to encourage people to cultivate 500,000 mow of waste land in the current year. Every household with less than 50 mow of farmland will be required to cultivate six more mow.

During the past three years, there has been an increase of 240,000 mow of farm land as a result of the efforts of the Bureau. (Central News).

SOFTBALL

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Conquerors of the Recrelo Aces, should provide grand competition for the Marauding Mohawks who are still rated the leading pennant contenders despite their trouncing at the hands of Portugal in an exhibition match during the week. Chuck Waggoner will have his strongest line-up on hand to prevent any Indian uprising but bigger surprises have happened and there's nothing the softball fan likes better than to be handed surprises.

JUNIOR LOOP

In the Junior Loop, Chung Hwa and South China provide the curtain raiser at the Chatham Road ground at 9 a.m. Richard Chung's laddies dropped an unexpected decision to V.R.C. last week and will have to take them all from now on to remain in the pennant race. The Victoria Recreation Club should be untroubled by the Cosmopolitan outfit although the latter have been responsible for some very creditable wins during the first part of the campaign.

FIRM FAVOURITES

The Royal Air Force, highest standing of the service teams, look to be firm favourites for their clash with the Royal Artillery. The Gunners, though, have been getting their coaching from the masterful Mohawks and should give a good account of themselves. On the Marina ground, Cables take on the Chartered Bankers in the opener of a double header in the Hong Section with Lacas and Texaco providing the nightcap.

THE PROGRAMME

Kowloon Football Club: 9 a.m. Canuckettes v. Wildcats (F. J. Molthen); N. Beltrio, C. Marques; 10.30 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Cardinals (Nip Lum, H. Quon, J. Delgado); 12 a.m. Baby Panthers v. Ramblerettes (T. Chan, Al Lau, D. Walker); 1.30 a.m. Recrelo Aces v. C.B.C. (F. Molthen, Kitchell, H. Campos); 2.45 p.m. Canucks v. Filipinos (N. Beltrio, Nip Lum, Omar); 4 p.m. Mohawks v. Indians (J. Alvarez, H. Quon, V. Marques).

Chatham Road: 9 a.m. Chung Hwa v. South China (Ablong, R. Maxwell, W. Woo); 10.15 a.m. V.R.C. v. Cosmopolitan (C. Wing Lee, P. K. Lau, C. S. Chung); 11.30 a.m. R.A.F. v. 8th R.A. (J. Welford, Azedo, Bubbles Remedio).

Marina Ground: 10 a.m. Cables v. Chartered Bank (B. Laurel, Ng, Tony Pereira); 11.15 a.m. Lacas v. Texaco (V. Marques, Aquino, Art Ribeiro).

POSSIBILITY OF GERMAN INVASION OF EIRE

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Central)—London circles are speculating on the chances of a German invasion of Eire as a measure to break the stalemate now existing in Europe.

It is pointed out that the invasion of Norway, Holland, and Belgium followed by France's collapse gave Germany a long coastline for operations against Britain stretching from distant Norway southward till the French seaboard narrows at the English Channel. The British Isles and Ireland have thus been placed in the center of a wide semi-encirclement.

Any attempt to invade Britain, it is felt, would be extremely difficult and hazardous owing to the British command of the sea, the splendid R.A.F. and the intensively trained Home Guards. On the contrary, an invasion of Eire should be comparatively much easier as Irish defences cannot withstand the onslaught of a powerful foe.

DAGGER IN BACK

Strategically, therefore the occupation or conquest of Eire by Germany would be tantamount to a dagger pointed at Britain's back with her front facing major attacks.

Obviously Eire is determined to clasp tightly strict neutrality, hoping thereby to avoid being dragged into the war. It is doubtful if Ireland could succeed in repelling single-handed a German invasion if attempted. However, Ireland is extremely cautious and reluctant to do anything that could be interpreted as unneutral or give up her sovereign rights such as lending naval and air bases to Britain or calling British troops to help defend Irish soil.

DEEPLY ROOTED

The Irish people's resentment over the partition of northern Eire by Britain is so deeply rooted that while the majority of Irishmen desire to remain strictly neutral, though they are inwardly sympathetic with the British people, certain elements go to the extremes of attempting to undermine Britain's strength.

Many influential Irishmen, according to James Bone, Manchester Guardian's special correspondent lately in the United States, have realised that "England is the breakwater that protects Ireland from the storm of the Continent. If England should fall, Ireland and what she stands for could not exist."

Eire's position was vividly illustrated by Sean LeMass, Eire's Minister for Supplies, in his address at the Dublin branch of the Institute of Journalists on Jan. 25.

CRISIS OF WAR

"Within a few weeks or months the crisis of the war," he said, "will come and with it the time of the greatest danger to our nation. Only a month ago Ireland was facing an imminent danger of invasion. Is the danger past? I think the very contrary is the truth. After eighteen months of war, our resources are running out, the margin of safety is shrinking, and the worse and even more difficult problems are rising."

"Germany is blockading England and England is blockading Europe. By force of circumstances or deliberate design each belligerent has taken steps, the direct consequence of which is the curtailment or stoppage of supplies coming to Ireland. As a result, there is no country in Europe which is more effectively blockaded than Ireland."

BRONZE STATUE OF GENERALISSIMO

A bronze statue of Generalissimo Chiang Kai shek in army uniform and on horseback will be made with 146,000 within this year, according to a decision reached at a joint meeting of the Kwangtung Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters and leaders of various Shikwan circles. The statue will stand on a stone pedestal on the side of which figures of Chinese warriors will be sculptured. (Central News).

Japan's Sympathy With India Sneered At

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Central)—A retort to the Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Matsuo's reply in the Diet that the Japanese sympathise with the Indians' legitimate demands and with Gandhi and hence moral encouragement should continue to be given is found in the EVENING STANDARD'S "London Diary" column.

India, the writer says, seems to be incorporated in the "New Order" to be established throughout Asia and hence Japan is urged to give active moral backing to Gandhi and other leaders in the struggle for independence. Among others, Mr. Matsuo would gladly include Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru but the writer adds, "I would not give much for Mr. Matsuo's chances when Mr. Nehru who has always been particularly interested in the Chinese struggle and has visited the Chinese fronts. Nehru wrote, 'China is one of the key countries of the world. To Asia and India she and her future are of prime importance.'"

American Journalists In Trouble

ROME, Jan. 31 (Reuter)—The Yugoslav Government has taken an action against two American journalists in Belgrade, correspondents of the New York Times and the Columbia Broadcasting System, for allegedly initiating reports of disorders in Turin, Verona and Milan according to the Belgrade correspondent of the Italian news agency.

Both men have been forbidden to use the telephone for a week and the Columbia correspondent has been forbidden to use the Belgrade station for broadcasts to the United States for three weeks.

SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES

SERIOUS FIGHTING IN HONAN

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 (Reuter)—Serious fighting is progressing in a fan-shaped area to the north of Sinyang, in Honan, on the Pinghan Railway, reported a military spokesman yesterday afternoon at a press conference.

Pushing northward on Jan. 24 from three bases north of Sinyang two Japanese divisions of over five columns, two days later met stiff opposition which is still continuing.

Questions regarding the rumour that the move heralds a Japanese spring offensive with Loyang as the objective, the spokesman stated this is unlikely as the enemy forces are not strong enough to warrant this belief.

However, the spokesman admitted, this area is the scene of real Japanese designs and other operations eastward are mere diversions hoping to deter reinforcements.

JAPANESE DIVERGENCE

This divergence was undertaken when 4,000 Japanese troops pressed north from four main bases—Ichang, Tangyang, Kingmen and Chungshan—on Jan. 23. Each column was deflected to the base by Jan. 28.

Stressing the value of the recapture of the port of Haiyang in Shantung, the spokesman dismissed activity on the other fronts as minor skirmishes.

NEW MILITARY ATTACHE FOR CHUNGKING

Major-General L. E. Denny, Indian Army, has been appointed Military Attache to the British Embassy at Chungking and has taken up his post.

General Denny was lately commanding a Brigade on the frontier of India. He entered the Indian Army in 1910 and was posted to the 54th Sikhs (Frontier Force), now the 4th Battalion of the 12th Frontier Force Regiment.

He is a graduate of the Staff College and has also completed a course on the Staff of the Imperial Defence College. Belonging as he does to a Frontier Force Regiment, General Denny has exceptional knowledge of Frontier warfare in India. He is in his 51st year and has won the Military Cross for gallantry in the field.

HOCKEY UMPIRES MEETING

The Hongkong Hockey Umpires' Association held a meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall last evening when K. Hussain and T. A. Tyas were nominated umpires for the Interport hockey match.

It was also proposed that the Council be requested to collect an affiliation fee from each team in the tournament for the Umpires' Association.

Capt. A. H. Martin was in the chair.

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SATURDAY	Sat. 8th
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Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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	Ord. 16/2 8.30 AM
FRIDAY	Fri. 21st
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa via Durban	8.30 PM

POSTPONED

There being insufficient attendance at the annual general meeting of Cymdelthas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society) called for yesterday, it was postponed to Wednesday, Feb. 12.

All members will be circularised to this effect.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter)—The trawler Pelton has been sunk, announces an Admiralty communiqué. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.

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